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# Merrillvue 1982



#### Remember When

Remember when it came to be, Nestled among a cloud-filled sea. The colors shining brightly for all to see, Stimulating the soul of a dream filled me.

Remember when you first saw that sight, Standing amidst a blackened light. An end to a day of sunshine bright, Wakening to the serenity of a new-born night. Remember when the joys of yesterday. Filled the halls from September to May. Sprinkling reminders of many thoughtless ways. Only to say good-bye, the price we all must pay.

Remember when you will leave this place. Heading for the human race. A new beginning at a new found pace. Leaving memories only you can trace.

Remember rainbows that cheer you when you're blue. Sunsets and sunrises that will always rule. M.H.S. was once there too; Guiding you IN SEARCH OF YOU . . .

-R. Hankins

















## In Search of Identity

We came to M.H.S. from all parts of the community, from different backgrounds, the young, the old, and male or female for one common purpose; to search for identity

In searching we have met with each other, exchanging ideas, values and dreams, if even for a moment. We have realized how our lives are influenced by little things—friendly smiles and simple hello's. They all seem to make our days seem worth it all. M.H.S. has seen us, felt us, and touched us. A part of us will always be here. We all have done our own things ... played sports, danced, drank, fought with friends, made new ones, and experiments.

Cheerleader captain Lynne Sherrin presents the 1981 Homecoming Queen, Denise Dudak, a dozen red roses while last years queen Kim Vickroy, looks on. ienced good times along with bad times. We have learned to appreciate things because tomorrow they may be gone. Our joys of today will someday be replaced by better things. Our memories will be sweet, but also we have realized there is too much to learn. What we adopt on our own is what we will learn. We know we are a whole volume of experiences, with many sorted people. We now look into the future, trying to preserve the past. People have come and people have gone. People have grown and so will we, for we are individuals with individual ideas. We know where we have been and where we are, but still we know not where we will be

Life's path will lead in many directions, and if by chance we happen on the wrong road we will turn back to start again. But now we are on the road that can take us anywhere. When we look back at M.H.S., we will realize that M.H.S. molded our lives and made us what we are and will always be ... you ... niquel always be ... you ... niquel always be ... you ... nique

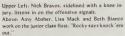




Junior Tracy Buncich takes time out before the Homecoming Parade to pose for a picture.







Coach Ken Haupt gives senior Mark Dujmovich an arousing pep talk.

Right: Debbie Oliver, Belinda Barkasi, and Annette Miller punk out at the Halloween Dance.







Left. Mont Handley and his date, Donna Spahic, dance to the music presented by L & L Mobile Disco. Rights. Sophomore Annette Canchola and junior Tanco. Guba observe the sophomore half-back sweep. Below. Dale Miller and his commandos fire up for attack just before homecoming parade.





# STUDENT LIFE

We. the people of M.H.S., are a volume of experience, a gathering of assorted people; each with his own individual life; yet, each a part of the whole.



Bill Coen and friends check out last year's yearbook.



On the sidelines Coach Haupt gives instructions to Senior Scott Plesha during a time out.

Juniors Lori Jelesky, Sandy Merced, and Anne Guba take a break from the Homecoming dance to pose for a picture.

Sophomore powder puff team and cheerleaders show their enthusiasm during homecoming parade before being defeated by the juniors.





## Students Search For Identity

It was "On With the Show" on Thursday, the first Real day of Homecoming. All of this was in preparation for the big game Friday night against Portage. Starting out this actioned filled day was the parade. followed by the powder puff game and bonfire.

At Pierce's parking lot, people and floats gathered. Excitement filled the air as powder puff teams chered and sirens screamed. Led by the Merrillville High marching band, the parade proceeded down Broadway. In the parade the French Club won the award for the best float, while the junior class won the award for best representation of theme with their version of "Rocky". The highlight of the parade was the seniors. Led by Larry "Wildman" Maginot, they dressed up in

The senior army shows its spirit by supporting the Homecoming theme with "Stripes."

Below: It's on with the Homecoming court, Beth Winovich, Alexis Loda, Denise Dudak, and Lori Saliwoncyzk, and "On with the Show." army uniforms and marched down Broadway pulling the senior float.

The parade concluded at Merrillville's parking lot. There, everyone unloaded the trucks and floats and began to get fired up for the following events.

MHS band and pom-pons boogie their way down Broadway to the beat of "On Broadway."

Wildman Max Webster leads the senior troop down Broadway.

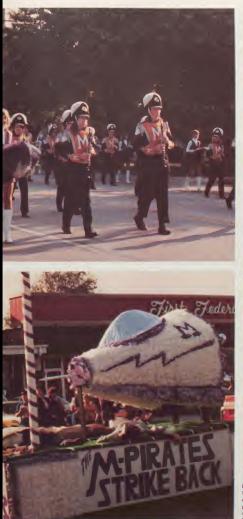
















Left: The spirited contribution of the choir. "The M—Pirates Strike Back", sure showed how we blasted away those Portage Indians in the Homecoming

game.
Above Right: To the sophomores, Miss Piggy's a "lO", but Merrillville High is #ll
Above: The junior's float was a real "Knock out".

## Seniors Gain Championship

For the past 2 weeks before Homecoming, powder puff players had been practicing hard for the big night. The big night was Thursday. Following the parade, powder puff members stormed into Demaree Field. The sophomores and juniors warmed up, while the seniors sat in the stands planning their stradegy and anx-

Senior cheerleader, Jason Zeha, proudly exhibits his physique.

During halftime of the second game, senior cheerleaders carried Scott Hipp from the stands to per-form his popular "whale" imitation.



defeated the sophomores 14-0. Then came the championship game with the juniors verses the seniors. It was a hard fought game with no actual scoring. So, when time expired, the two teams each had 4 downs to see how far they could move the ball. The seniors moved it 10. Then it was the juniors turn. It was 4th down and tension mounted. They needed 4 yards to tie the seniors, but the senior defense got tough and held them. Finally, victorious were the seniors after this hard fought

The sophomores go against the tough junior defense.

Senior Lor Mellinger throws aside a junior defender to help Margie Trocha pick up yardage for the Sen-















Upper Left; Junior defender, Paula Vessehy, pulls the flag from sophomore back. Michelle Mokol, to stop the sophomore of drive.

Upper Right: Juniors Lisa Carnegle and Sue Long block for their backs.

Above: The champion seniors take time out after the game to show they are #1. Right. After the powder puff game, the annual bon-fire burned brightly.

Above: The champion seniors take time out after the game to show they are #I.

#### M.H.S. Finds Success

Friday, the biggest day of Homecoming, had arrived. Long before the pep session even started, kids began to get rowdle in school. But when the pep session did finally begin, everyone really got "fired up."

This pep session, unlike others in the past, was held outside on Demaree Field. Led by the seniors, many stood up and cheered on the team by throwing confetti or waving signs. The first male beauty pageant was held, and Larry Maginot. "Miss Merrillville", won. There was a blindfolded race through an obstacle course, and, of course, alo for fourse, alo for fyelling and cheering. Also, during the pep session, Joe Luckiewiczz was named Mr. Football for 1981.

At the game that night, the Pirates burned the Indians! The fired up Pirates were ready for revenge. And that they

Senior cheerleader, Lynne Shearin, prepares Senior football captain, Joe Luckiewicz, for the treacherous obstacle course.



got. By halftime, the Pirates had a whopping I4-Olead. During halftime, Denise Dudak was named Homecoming Queen for 1981. Coming out as strong as they did in the first half, the fighting Pirates made Portage bite the dust by shutting them out

Overall, this Homecoming week had been a total success, especially with the great Pirate triumph Friday night.

Junior Joe Bardeson runs the obstacle course as junior cheerleader, Kathy Wiggins, tries to lead him.

Senior Jeff Webb (alias "Miss Portage") shows off his sexy legs during the male beauty pageant.







After the crowning of the Queen at halftime, the whole homecoming court smiles for a picture. (From left to right): Alexis Loda, Beth Winovich, Queen Denise Dudak, and Lori Saliwoncyzk.



Left: The seniors "break loose" at the pep session.

Below: 1980 Homecoming Queen, KIm Vickroy, proceeds to crown the 1981 Queen, Denise Dudak, who was accompanied by her father.





Junior Don Engel is congratulated by fellow teammates after completing a great defensive play against Portage.

# Couples Search For the Stars

Although Homecoming came early this year. Merrillville High School students were waiting to make the occasion a success. And that they didl When all the fun and festivities were through, the time came for just sitting back and enjoying the memories.

Merrillville's Student Council hosted the Homecoming Dance—"On With the Show." The dance was Saturdan right, September 26, and the students were ready for it. After arriving, each couple had their own ideas on how the enjoyable evening should be spent. Nearly all the couples, either boogying or slow dancing, got into the music of "After Dark." Some simply walked around and talked to friends, while others just stayed to themselves and had a very cozy night.

After the fun and romance at the dance, most couples completed this long awaited evening with dinner at an elegant restaurant.

Dave Patz and Kathy Hevezi, picture perfect, make one of the nicest couples at the dance.

Mike Anderson and Andrea Berndt shake their "groove things."











Many preferred a cool, refreshing breeze over any refreshment that was served.





These girls willingly pose with their guys for a quick picture.

Lori Riddle and Tim Gavelek stop to try out the re-freshments.







Middle. Chris Luna smiles at Pete Jarrell as if to say. Above. Robin Layman and her date pose for their "wish this night would last forever." picture while Chris Franz and John Arington patiently await for theirs.



Dave Rainford and Melinda Nowak smile for the camera.

Brad Moore and Jane Strawhun sneak in a kiss.

### Students Search For Fun

This year, M.H.S. held its second annual Halloween Dance. It was sponsored by the Student Council, and they did an excellent job of turning the school cafeteria into a goulish place. There were spiderwebs hung everywhere, a true-to-life coffin, and of course, Mr. Yo's skeleton to help the mood of things. Everyone of the students who attended was dressed up in a wild costume and had a wild night.

Doug Cochran, Casey Carribine, Lenny Schmidt, and Tom Kistler get the chance to show what they want to be when they grow up.

Lisa Rusak, Sharon Daniel, and Liz Christoff show everyone their "wildside."









Bob Satnan and Keith Wiening dazzle people with their "Kiss" costumes.



Mickey & Minnie Mouse, Angie and Susie Canchola, flash two big ear to ear smiles.

Mrs. Joe Mama, alias John Kostides, boogies down with just about anyone that will give him the chance.



#### In Search of a Fantasy

Once again, the Turnabout dance was sponsored by FEA, and once again they did a great job of making it a total success. They turned the drab cafeteria into an Oriental Fantasy.

Many couples went to the semi-formal

Diane Konrady and Bobby-Joe Jensen swing to the sounds of L&L Mobile Disco.

All couples danced and had a great time.

occasion and had a great time dancing to the sounds of L&L Mobile Disco.

After all of the fun and dancing, many of the girls did indeed take their dates out for dinner. What's a "turnabout" for?

Dr. Secttor and his fiance' reminisce about their high school days.







Oriental maidens Sandy Grant and Kathy Seber helped to make this fantasy a reality.



Linda Brizendine, Greg Catchur, Ed Stewart and Judy Pluth, willingly get together for a quick shot.

# Pep Sessions acknowledge champions

Pep sessions at M.H.S. don't happen very often. They are usually reserved to acknowledge the hard work of our seasonal athletes or to raise spirit and enthusiasm for an important contest. In the past, the boys' teams have been the major benefactors of such. But, in 1981, "Indy here we come" echoed against the walls of the gymnasium. It was M.H.S. first pep session to reward and cheer on a girls championship team. The volleyballers were going to the state finals. An exception to the rule was indeed justified. Like other pep sessions, shortened periods

produced a day-ending rally. The band was a'rockin', the confetti was a flyin', cheers were a ringin', and Qualizza was aspeakin'. Spirited students showed their support as the celebrities responded to the school song. History was again made, liberation found its way to M.H.S.

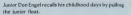
The thrill of victory or the agony of defeat? M.H.S.'s first King and Queen. Randy Ban and Margie Trocha, embrace during Homecoming pep session.

M.H.S. footballers add a little philosophy to their annual pep rally.

















"Indy here we comell Qualizza was aspeakin', the crowd was alistenin'.

Varsity round ballers come in all shapes and sizes.

The "Rockettes" they weren't, M.H.S. Indy bound volleyballers they werel

Junior guard Casey Carrabine floats for two as Jay Layman ponders the outcome.

During a time out, the cheerleaders exemplify their own brand of pyramid power.

Senior Chuck Gans demonstrates one of his higher times on the basketball court.









#### In Search of ... Traditions

#### 1982 and Something New

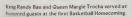
homecoming, M.H.S. experienced its first basketball homecoming in years. The spirit and enthusiasm shown by the student body created a need for a winter outlet to vent this new found pride. A basketball homecoming was the answer and it came with many events, even its own parade. The date set aside was the week of January II. The week started with the traditional spirit days. There was a Clash Day, Dress-up Day, a Wild Hair Day, and a Punk-Rock day. Friday was the traditional

Darren McCloud and date display the happiness of the Basketball Homecoming Dance.

"Tunnel of love" is formed by cheerleaders and pom ns as the Pirates enter the floor.

Other than the traditional football School Color Day, But, this Friday was to be different. Shortened periods allowed for a school-ending pep session, climaxed by the excitement of the students and the uniqueness of the mini-parade. Wagons represented class and club floats which came complete with the typical shananigans of a homecoming. The day reached an end with the crowning of the homecoming court. Sophomore Prince and Princess were Craig Kosak and Dawn Halsted. Junior Prince and Princess were Dave Woodward and Lisa Mack, Rounding out the court were King and Queen, Randy Ban and Margie Trocha. A big win over Chesterton and a dance completed Merrillville's first winter homecoming in





Senior "Gus" Kostides leads the traditional snake dance at Homecoming.





#### Students find free time

School gives the students is the "Smoking Area". The smoking area provides the students with a section all their own to just kick back, have a relaxing cigarette and mingle with their many different friends. Although the "area" is not open to the students between classes, it is open before school, during all lunch hours, and after school again. There are a few excep-

One advantage that Merrillville High tions though. These exceptions usually have to do with the weather. Because the area is outdoors, it makes it sometimes difficult to relax while having a cigarette. For instance, problems arise in the winter and spring months because of snow and rain. But no matter what the weather is, some faces such as these just have to have a smoke.









Marty Smith takes time to say "hello".

Tony and Tom agree there isn't a better way to begin the day.

Dawn Wilczynski catches a smoke before facing her long day of classes. Jim Palmer is one of the young Rock-n-Rollers in our school. Something catches Helen's and Danelle's eye.





Born to Be Wild Raised to be Free

Cathy Turner borrows a light from John Nurell.



Leah Stooksbury and Clay Ison pose for a picture before heading back to class.



John Baron and Melissa Eubank fight the winter cold just to smoke a cigarette.

# In Search of a change

The change at M.H.S. came every two weeks. It represented a chance for students to escape the "same old school routine." Activity period it was called, and following second hour it was found. Activities were sponsored by teachers and administrators. They included specialized study halls, physical activities, creative classes, card games, the "arts" of homemaking and the appreciation of the Beatles. Approximately fifty activities were made available for students to choose. Following semester break, students and teachers were given new opportunities to expand their knowledge or just plain relax. Activity period has proven to be a worthwhile "change" to an otherwise tedious day.

Who did it? According to Scot Mundell, it was Mr. Green who killed Mr. Plum with the candlestick in the Billiard Room.

Kenny Trpezanovick enjoys his activity by strumming the guitar while others listen.







The management of money, the skills of marketing; just a few of the skills taught during activity period.

Below: Chuck Gans plans his stragedy for his next play.

Bottom: Time is running out as Jay Henderson takes his last play before being defeated by Sandy Plesac.





Activity period is a time for friends to gather to enjoy good company and fun times.



#### Seniors find Satisfaction

found themselves graduating. A total of 66 The ceremonies were directed by Mr. seniors graduated mid-term to either begin in the work force or to continue their education.

There was a traditional Senior Breakfast held in the cafeteria for the departing seniors. On Saturday, January 24, these seniors participated in commencement ceremonies, which were the last mid-term Dr. Secttor to announce their names.

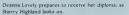
As January rolled around, some seniors ceremonies to be held at Merrillville High. Schuyler and Dr. Secttor and were held in Reinhart Auditorium.

> Tammy Hampton, along with others, anxiously waits for her turn.

Dawn Newlin and Carol Nipper patiently await for











Karl Langbehn and Cindy Lenker think about school days as they wait to receive their diplomas.







Pete Jarrell proudly accepts his diploma.

## "Triple Play"

Who?, What?, Where?, When?, and Why?, five questions that in the Triple Play had some really out of this world answers. The play, given by the Thespians, consisted of three individual plays, each with its own "off the wall" plot.

The cast of "The Patient" confronted

The cast of "The Patient" confronted the audience with "Why?". Why did the patient (Cathy Seber) jump out of the window? In fact, the question pending was "Who?". Who pushed her out of the window? Well, the nurse (Laurie Reinhart) of course.

In the case of "The Monsters are Due on Maple Street", the question "When?" arises. When, will the aliens land? The power is out and there are no lights. All in all the evening ends up in pure chaos, with no aliens to be found.

On the other hand, in the play, "Visitor From Forest Hills", what was the bride doing locked in the bathroom? No one was quite sure, not even the bride's parents. And where ever did the groom find the words that made the bride come out? These questions were all answered in the presentation, and the audience loved every minute of it.

In this scene from "The Patient", the secretary is being interrogated.

The cast of "The Monsters are Due on Maple Street."





#### "THE PATIENT"

Lansen	Becky Bowie	Er
NurseLa	urie Reinhart	W
Dr. Ginsberg Robert	Winchester	Be
Inspector Cray	Tom Runholt	TI
Bryan Wingfield	John Raczka	

#### "THE MONSTERS ARE DUE ON MAPLE STREET"

	CAST
Narrator	
Don Martin	Tim Runholt
Steve Brand	Mark Sopko
Mrs. Brand	Cheryl Hardt
Pete Van Horn	Jim Soos*
Charlie	
Tommy	Richard Robinson
Sally	Nada Miljkovic
Les Goodman	Darryl Bennett
George	Brian Tretter
Mrs. Goodman	Debbie Parks

Second Man	Joe Coto
Ann	Glory Murray
Voice	
Voice	Debbie Parks
Voice	Kathy Froman
First Figure	Juliet Hjarre
Second Figure	Andrew Otterbacher*
Child	
Child	Kim Runholt
Child	Tommy McCoy
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#### "VISITOR FROM FOREST HILLS"

CAS	T
Norma HubleySandy Grant Roy HubleyBill Koen*	

PRODUCTION STAFF

Stage Manager ......Mr. Joe Morrow



Darryl Bennett has second thoughts about performing when he sees all the make-up he has to put on.

The cast of "The Patient".

Georgeanna Orlich prepares Bill Koen for the big night.







Bill Koen does his part to help out in the make-up room.

The innocence of Bryan Wingfield is being questioned in this scene from "The Patient".





The make-up room is a busy place right before the curtain goes up.

#### Review '82

I'm a Secttor, she's a Secttor, he's a Secttor, wouldn't you like to be a Secttor too? If you saw Review '82 you've already asked yourself this question. Review '82 had many outrageously funny skits. The months of hard work and practice paid off when the curtains were drawn and an excellent performance was given. Every year "The Review" leaves 'em rolling in the aisles", and this year's production was no exception.



The Grant sisters show the audience what they're made of.





"Grandma got runover by a Reindeer"? Well, that's what these four guys (Ron Grey, Ray Parpart, Dave Rodgers, and Bob Rossich) say.

To the people in "Review '82", "Going steady" is something worth letting everyone know about.

Rachel Abramson dances her way into everyone's heart.







Ray Parpart works overtime preparing the auditorium for the show.



This "bunch" of kids were as full of surprises as they were of kids.

#### February sweethearts

A romantic setting, dimmed lights, soft music, big hearts, red and white streamers, flowers and anxious moments. These were the ingredients of Merrillville's annual Valentines Dance. This year's dance was held Saturday, February 13. As usual, the Sunshine Society did an outstanding job of planning and organizing this activity for the student body. The large turn out was welcomed with excellent music by L and L Mobile Disco. The anxious mo-

ments soon found comfort, as slow dances were mixed with fast. The romantic night proved to be a successful one as the crowd departed, each with their own sweetheart.

Chris Pappas and his date portray a familiar scene at the Valentine's Dance.

Even the best of dancers need a break sometime. Here Donna Pictor and date enjoy their break.











Top: Soft music, dim lights, slow dances, what more could Larry Judge and his date ask for?

Above: Robin Wyllie and Doug Luebke enjoy the music by L and L Mobile Disco.

Right: An-a-one-an-a-two-an-a-three. Margaret Gloriso and her date swing at the Dance.



### "Auntie Mame"

Once again Merrillville High produces another excellent performance with the production of "Auntie Mame", this year's spring play. The role of "Mame" was played by Senior Georgeanna Orlich. The story line is that of a frivilous, old woman left to bring up and care for a very young boy. The play, like all performances, took a great deal of hard work and long hours of practicing.

Below: Cathy Geske, Sandy Grant and Julian Stry-zack.







Above: One of Mame's parties.

Lower left: Georgeanna and Andy Otterbacher.



Above: Mame arrives at Bulregard's mansion.

### Prom memories will last "Always and Forever"

Prom to some people means reaching down deep in the old pocket, but to others it means the greatest thing that ever happened to a high school student. For everyone attending PROM 1982, the evening turned out to be a most memorable one. The Junior-Senior Prom, given by the Juniors especially for the Seniors, was held at the Hellenic Cultural Center on Saturday Evening, May First, Nineteen Hundred Eighty-Two. Over two-hundred and seventy couples took part in the Festivities, starting off with dancing from 8 p.m. to II p.m., with the music of L&L Mobile

Jim Graham and Kim Koveck spiff-up before taking

Disco To Go, to dinner and Post Prom Dance from II:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Some couples chose to dine out at a restaurant of their own choice. The only problem guite a few couples ran into was how to wake up the next day for "The Day After Prom"

Mike Sakaleros and Chris Sebben arrive at the Greek

Many couples take to the dance floor.







## A Memory Now, ..... And Forever



Scott Plesha and Lynne Shearin seem to brighten even the colors in the rainbow.



1982 Prom King and Queen, Dave Papp and Karen Rendina, make a beautiful royal couple.

Live your life, take things as they come. If they are special, try to keep them, if not, pass them by, but cherish the memories always, because life goes on and second chances are few.

Written by Mark Foremski



These couples take a break from the dance floor.

John Doolin and Patty Ornelas enjoy dancing to a slow song.









Doug Cochran and Paula Vessely enjoy their night together.

### Seniors' last meal at Merrillville

Senior Breakfast-one of the last activities for Seniors. This day brought about many feelings. It made many feel relieved that school was all over, but to others it brought sadness. After eating breakfast, last pictures were taken with friends, the Senior magazine was bought and read, and then the Senior class proceeded to the gym for commencement practice. After an hour or so in the gym, the Seniors were free to go wild. This was

the day they had looked forward to since last year when they sat in the classrooms watching the previous Seniors go crazy. After leaving the gym, the Seniors drove around the school, beeping their horns and exclaiming their happiness to all the underclassmen sitting and watching in-

Seniors eat their last meal at M.H.S.





Joe Petrovich, Charmin Potter and Kathy Smith reminisce about their high school days.

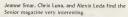
Diane Fox waits to receive her graduation tickets.





Debbie Dorulla buys an edition of the Senior maga-

Dan Barns, Dave Barns, and Ron Voyles take a last picture together.













Michelle Kostelnik and Diane Dimitri concentrate on the magazine instead of their breakfast.

Andrea Berndt's and Debbie Oliver's smiles show what a high school friendship is all about.

During breakfast, seniors discussed their memories and future plans.

### Seniors Search for Future

It all started twelve years ago. No one thought he would ever make it through. But finally on June 2, 1982, it was all over for the Senior class of 1982. The commencement ceremonies began at 7:00 p.m. in Englehart gymnasium. Master of ceremonies was Senior class President, Jerry Pearman. Stana Kovac was Valedictorian, and Lisa Routsolias was Salutorian. Speeches were made by these two girls, along with Lori Johnson, and Linda Brizendine. The benediction was given by

Reverend Chrispell.

As the Seniors sat waiting to receive their diplomas, years of memories ran through their heads, and many wondered just how happy they were that it was all over. But when it came time to walk up and get their diploma, they proudly and happily accepted it from Dr. Shrenker.

Jerry Pearman, Stana Kovac, and Lisa Routsolias proudly lead the Senior class.

Members of the Senior class proceed into the gym.







Rich Charochak, 'X' Canchola, Kent Chismundy, and Al Canchola display their happiness of graduating.

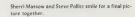


Cheryl Artz gladly accepts her diploma.

Master of ceremonies, Jerry Pearman, presents a plaque to Doc Secttor on behalf of the Senior class.







Lori Johnson proudly delivers her speech during









The Senior class officially graduates with the turning of their tassels.

These Seniors have a good time while waiting to begin the ceremonies.

# CLUBS

The search for competition, the enjoyment of friends. The intellectual and gifted, the bored and curious, The variety is overwhelming, the rewards unmatched,

The clubs, the organizations, the activities of M.H.S.

Diane Dimitri, Chris Dimos, Lori Jelesky, and Linda Lesniak prepare to take food to the Salvation Army.



Senior pom pon Belinda Barkasi practices her routine before Friday night's performance.

Student Council President, Linda Lesniak, discusses future plans for the first annual Morp dance.











Junior Susan Foremski works on her layout during yearbook.

Varsity cheerleaders display school spirit at regionals by executing a three-tiered mount.

## National Honor Society

"Cream of the Crop"

The National Honor Society consists of a few select students. These students must have at least a 3.5 grade point average to become a member. Under the supervision of Mrs. Guerrero, the students learn qualities of leadership. Mrs. Putz (co-sponsor) also helps in teaching the importance of leadership in later life. Throughout the school year the National Honor Society holds fund-raisers. These profits help to pay for their National Honor Society pins. At the end of each school year, the club has an induction ceremony.





Co-Sponsor, Mrs. Putz.

their pins and officially become National Honor Society Members. The graduating members go around to all the new members and "tap" them which is their invitation to the induction ceremony described above.

The National Honor Society officers are Jerry Pearman, President, Sharon Daniels, Secretary, Liz Christoff, Treasurer, Larry Oliver, Vice President.









Front row (left to right): Diahn Maryonovich, Sherri Smoot, Cheryl Paul, Linda Brizendine, Diane Dimitri, Debbie Neal, Karen Tonetski, Linda Lesniak. 2nd row: Monica Kraft, Sharon Daniel, Liz Oliver, Lisa Routsolous, Stavna Kovac, Cindy Parez. 3rd row, Geargiana Orlich, Lisa Ector, Lisa Rusak, Nancy Molden, Diane Hayes, Liz Christoff, Denise Szochka, Jennifer Patton. 4th row: Steve Prince, Scott Plesha, Melinda Nowak, Michelle Ogiego, Bonnie Gutjar, Sandy Antolick, Lori Johnson, Janet Hartwig, Beth Milteer. 5th row: John Kostides, Jim Koady, Jerry Pearman, Kim Dunkleburger, Dave Yetsgo, Donna Picter, Tammy Hampton, Kevin Sullivan, 6th row: Greg Kerulis, Jeff Gifford, Dave Hutchinson, Larry Oliver, Ron Adams. 7th row: Glen Harms, J.R. Peddicord, Onga Thorp, Guy Tully, David Zabrdac. Not pictured (and sorely missed) Randy Ban.

Cindy Parez "taps" Lori Riddle as she looks with Al Canchola gets caught sweeping Linda Brizindine surprise.

off her feet.



Bob Satnan President



John Amatulli Vice-President



Kim LaFever Secretary



Debbie Parks Treasurer



Nancy Merced



Diane Konrady



Guy Tully



Jackie Swike



**Best Writers** Around Quill and Scroll is an Honor Society for aspiring journalists at MHS. Students who

are in the upper third of their class and

have been on either the yearbook or newspaper staff for two or more semesters are considered. Mr. Woods, the advisor, selects the students who have made outstanding contributions to the class atmosphere and to the organizing of layouts. Each student receives a Quill and Scroll pin at the initiation meeting. This year thirteen new members were added. At this rate the club will be increasing rapidly. During the past summer, some of the students went to a Journalism Workshop down at Ball State University. They were taught different ideas to help on the yearbook and newspaper at MHS.



Kathy Hevezi



Dave Patz



Randy Ban





Lynne Shearin



Mark Kolozenski



Liz Christoff



Quill and Scroll emblem



Diane Konrady accepts her Quill and Scroll pin with a look of honor.

### Here comes the sun

shining over MHS

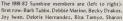
This year's Sunshine Society is on the move. Their main objective is to spread warmth. Friendliness, and sunshine to everyone. The Candlelight Initiation ceremony started off a great year. This year eighteen new members were added. Mrs. Bovard, the groups sponsor, helped initiate these new girls. They also take many field trips throughout the year. They attended a convention at Winimac earlier

this year. This was to acquaint themselves with other sunshine girls from different communities. They all showed their riendliness throughout the year, and it is greatly appreciated throughout MHS.

The Sunshine officers (left to right) Denise Regeski, vice president; Kathy Salcedo, corr. secretary; Joy Iwan, president; Ann Vavra, rec. secretary; Rita Tamayo, treasurer.







Hefty, Back row: Sponsor, Mrs. Bovard, Tina Maines, Jeani Hike, Denise Regeski, Brenda Boyde, Karen Teller, Chris Sabo, Deanna Hall, Kathy Selcido.





Mrs. Bovard prepares the table for the candlelight initiation dinner.



### Student Council "ON THE MOVE"!!!

Merrillville High Student Council had another great year. This is with the help of Mr. Mulloy and Mr. Furuness. The 81-82 club sponsored homecoming week events. This included the newly added event, "Male Beauty Pagent", the theme for homecoming, the parade, powder puff, and the Homecoming Dance. The club also sponsored the Halloween Dance this year. After that it was back to the old drawing board, where Morp dance came to be. This is a dance totally opposite from prom. Students dressed casual for the occasion. The Student Council also helped sell programs during football and basketball seasons. Along with the fun side of Student Council there is a serious side. This is pertaining to the club helping out the fellow students by voicing their peer's opinions at the meetings. Each year the Student Council seems to be improving. Next year's club hopes to be as produc-

Linda Brizendine and X Canchola busily start a new





The Student Council officers are (left to right) Xavier Canchola, vice president, Linda Lesniak, president, Linda Brizendine, secretary, Al Canchola, treasurer.

## Speech and Debate

### On to Regionals

The Speech and debate team began the year with a topic picked by the state. Afterwards, they were to plan to defend it at competition. Mike Bianco, captain of the debate team, participated in sectionals. He then advanced to regionals at Elkhart. Jeff Gifford participated at the Prose Reading at the Calumet Forrensic League Championships. He received a third place ribbon. Mrs. Whittemore, their sponsor, teaches Spanish at Harrison Junior High. Even though she's not at the high school, she still manages to make it there for debate practices. It takes a lot of extra effort and time, and hers is greatly appreciated.

Captain of the debate team shows his skills in sectionals as he qualifies for regionals.



Andy Otterbacher and Mike Bianco discuss their plans for the upcoming sectional debate.

Warren Eckels oreanizes his note cards as J. Gifford supervises.







The 1981-1982 debate team (left to right): A. Otterbock, J. Gifford, Mrs. Whittemore (sponsor), W. Eckels, and M. Bianco.



Jeff Gifford recites at the Prose Reading at Calumet. He received a ribbon there.

FHA girls (left to right): first row: Dana Molick, Karen Watkins. last row: Mrs. Stallings, Deloris Hernandez, Natalie Louie, Karen Teller, Debbie Marino, Joni Wilkerson.

FHA officers: Natalie Louie (Treasurer), Dana Mollick (President), Joni Wilkerson (Secretary).

An FHA members shows her skills as she decorates her first cake.













Mr. Gerich and Mr. Armontrout discuss their plans for gym today over the FEA breakfast.

Front row: K. Sierkowski, J. Neff, D. Demitri, L. Brizindine, D. Neal. S. Grant, S. Hefty, J. Flannery, S.

FEA officers (left to right), D. Demitri, S. Grant, L. Brizindine, and D. Neal.

Grant. 2nd row: S. Mungia, D. Liesik, D. Van Meter, D. Darkins, S. Massow, M. Babila, E. Collins, D. Carlson.

### **FHA**

### Headed for Success

FHA stands for Future Homemakers of America. The club consists of seven girls. Their sponsor, Mrs. Stallings, shows them skills that will help them in later life. She teaches them how to make different types of cakes and different snacks. They also learn how to make different meals, etc. Throughout the year, the Future Homemakers of America do hold fund raisers. This money is used toward materials for their learning skills.

They also learn about how to keep a nine, clean home, a kind of home where people always feel welcome. It takes a lot of imagination and thought, but with the help of Mrs. Stallings it makes things a lot easier.

### **FEA**

### A New Beginning

1981 was a new beginning for this group. The name of the club was changed from Future Teachers of America to Future Educators of America. The club's first activity was the picking of the teacher's elf. Each member becomes a secret elf of a teacher and does little favors throughout the school year. At the end of the year, the club sponsors a spring breakfast for the teachers. Here the teachers discover who their elf is. The club sponsors the Turn-about Dance in the winter. Mrs. Teeter heads the club, giving support and teaching leadership qualities for future teachers of America.

Mr. Ravenscroft agrees with Mr. Mulloy that the FEA breakfast was a success.



### Cheerleaders get into the

The 1981-81 cheerleaders started out on the right foot, capturing the spirit stick at camp and also capturing the spirit award which was voted on by all the other squads at the camp. They attended U.C.A. which was held at Purdue. They organized bake sales as fund raisers. The basketball season was highlighted by the guy cheerleaders. They helped to build bigger pyramids which helped to get the crowd going. Mrs. Voeman was the sponsor.

The J.V. football cheerleaders are (I to r): B. Pelvis, V. Vesley, D. Halsted, M. Kaser, N. Poling, and R. Wade.



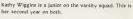


Karyn Palvas is a junior on the varsity squad. She was a football and a basketball cheerleader.

## Spirit.

Michelle Kostelnik is a senior on the varsity football squad. This was her third year.





Trish Schriener is a junior on the varsity squad. She always kept the squad spirited.









This is Jill Pennocks first year as a varsity cheerleader for both sports.

The varsity football cheerleaders are (bottom to top) front row: C. Saliek, D. O'Deen, K. Wiggins, L. Shearin. back row: J. Pennock, T. Schriener, K. Palvas, M. Kostelnik.

This was Lynne's third year on football, and she was a captain her senior year. Dawn O'Deen has been on the varsity football and basketball for three years.





Michelle Bonich has cheered for basketball the last three years. She was captain this year.



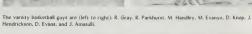




Sue cheered her first year on varsity. This was Cindy Salik's second year on varsity.







J. Pennock, T. Schriener, M. Bonich, C. Salik, S. Long. N. Poling, R. Wade, V. Vesley, M. Kaser, D. Halsted, B. K. Wiggins, D. O'Deen, K. Palvas.

Palvis.

Pom-pons boogie down at the West Side game.

## Pom-pons sparkle to "Fame".

This years Pom-pon squad made a lot of changes. Instead of having only 24 members, the number was increased to 36. This made the squad larger and helped expand the spirit at M.H.S. Also, it was changed from a classroom-credit period to an extra-curricular activity. Over the summer some girls attended Smith Walbridge camp in Syracuses. IN. Here they

learned new skills to add to their performances. They organized car washes, bake sales, and collected aluminum cans to be recycled. Also, they sold Christmas candles. Nancy Grabek headed the sales. All this money was used towards the purchase of new uniforms. The extra money was put in a fund to help future Pom-pon girls. Mrs. C. Bella heads this organization.

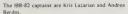
Seniors, front row; Krissy Lazarian, Nancy Grabek. 2nd row. Diane Konrady, Beth Winovich. 3rd row. Nancy Molden, Denise Dudak, Belinda Barkasi. 4th row: Patty Rutkin, Lisa Ector. last row: Andrea Berdint, Denise Regeski. (Jenna Bartolomei)













Pom-pon girls, front row. J. Desatnek, A. Berdnt, K. Lazarian, N. Grabek, T. Buncich, J. Pluth. 2nd row. B. Underwood, B. Barkasi, D. Dudak, P. Rutkin, K. Kovek, 3rd row. L. Ector, N. Molden, L. Reinhart, D. Kornady, S. Foremski, B. Winovich, C. Lambfulusi, 4th row. J. Puntillo, D. Regeski, D. Wirres, L. Pigot, J. Strawn, P. Vessely, J. Katron, Iast row, D. Ramusak, S. Costidakis, C. Rogers, C. Johnson, P. Fargo, (J. Bartolomei, J. Georgie)

Pep band plays the Bunny Hop at the sectional pep session.

The flag corps shows their ability of twirling their flags at football homecoming.

# Pep Band and Flag Girls help boost the spirit

The pep band consists of 30 members. They are very helpful in adding spirit and pep at the high school athletic activities. You probably have seen the whole band marching on the football field. Well, after football season, many of the band members would like to continue in the spirit at MHS, so they join the pep band. They play at all home basketball games. The pep band has a pre-game show, and they play

at half-time as the pom-pons perform. They also play at all pep sessions. Mrs. Williams heads this club. The flag corp consists of 14 members. They march with the band every football game and during all parades. It takes a lot of skill to twirl the flags the way our flag corp does. They put in a lot of practice hours, but on Friday night it's all worth it.

Pep band members (1 to 7)- lst rew. Diane St. Martin. Saylor Metten. Lenny, Rysch, Tom Runholt, Jackie Sike. Monica Houchin. 2nd row. Toni Marando, Maria Olivadoit. Lisa Wilkenson. Angie Christo, Diane Hayes. Mary Satnan. 3rd row. Richie Robinson. Bill McCoy, Rich Jimenez, Relly Sport. Vicki Jewell, Mark Bateman. 4th row. Kevin Fitzgerald, Ed Brizindine. Kim Dunkleburger, Joe Spott, Laura LaMarca, Lance Bella, Brad Touchette. Joe Zajec, Dave Shatkowski.





Flag corp members (I to r): front row: Lisa Carnegie, Vicki Jewell, Colleen Blair. 2nd row: Monica Houchin. Linda King, Beth Campbell, Kathi Pederson. Last row: (Capt.) Laura La Marca, Jackie Świke, (capt.) Liz Oliver. Lisa Wilkinson. Saylor Metter.

### Is it Pep ... ... Or is it Wild?

Pep club officers: J. Webb (Vice President), D. Miller (Promotional Manager), K. Beckham (Secretary), L. Maginot (President), B. Satnan (Sergant at arms).

The pep club, or better known as the wild man's club, did a lot for the support of the athletic teams this year. They got their new name, "Wildmen", from their crazy contributions of spirit. It was headed by Larry Maginot, senior. They started during football season and went all the way to the basketball regionals. Mrs. Teeter, the club sponsor, made signs before all the football games, girls' volleyball, and girls' and boys' basketball. It really helped the spirit at MHS.

Jeff Webb preforms his famous "belly roll" as the crowd cheers him on.





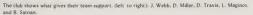








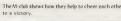
The crowd cheers the basketball team to a sectional win at Calumet.

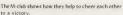




The MHS pep and M-club combine to show who is number I.

Karen Krampien and Toni Miller look amusingly at the new members getting initiated.







### M-club

The M-club is made up of a group of athletes who at one time lettered in a sport. This is only the second consecutive year for the club. However, they still have done many activities. Throughout the year many tournaments are organized such as Volleyball, Golfing, and even Bowling. These activities give the students a chance to know each other and to hopefully bring all the athletes together. Then maybe more people will go to each other's sporting events, and the school can become one. Mr. East, better known as "Coach East", heads this club, Even though he has a hard schedule between being basketball coach and track coach, he always manages to find time to plan these activities and give up his weekend to be at them. Each year the club has increased, and more morale among the students has been displayed. Hopefully, more students will join, and the moral will continue. It helps a team a great deal when their student body is behind them. So, through the M-club, "Coach" East will continue to unite all the athlete's.





M-club members (left to right): front row: L. Christoff, K. Tonetski, L. Lesniak, L. Geimhart, K. Lesniak, S. Spiroff, Back row: K. Petroff, J. Kostidas, J. Pearman, S. Hipp, S. Hipp, J. Hebrych, G. Karras, D. Woodward, L. Maginot, X. Canchola, and Coach East. Not pictured: P. Abel, M. Anderson, D. Barnes, M. Bonich, A. Crozier, J. Dyman, C. Gans, J. Gough, J. Hartwig, K. Hevezi, L. Judge, J. Lax, J. Luckiewicz, B. Meade, T. Miller, D. O'Deen, J. Peddicord, S. Plesha, D. Rainford, L. Shearin, M. Trocha, G. Tully, R. Wiliams, M. Evanyo, G. Doolin, C. Tomb, C. Dewell, M. Janovick, G. Harriman, L. Rusak, J. Tilmon, J. Graham, M. Kolozenski, K. Krampien, D. Knop, G. Kerulis, B. Stevens, J. Hebrych, C. Dimos, R. Ban, B. Mecchia, B. Vertress, M. Kemp, S. Ceko, J. Arrendondo, B. Beck, E. Dornburg, M. Dyman, M. Dzuzcky, M. Meade, P. Metten, S. Modrak, K. Wiggins, J. Giacomin, M. Sadowski, L. Lewandowski, D. Satka, D. Woodward, C. Vermillion, R. Holbrook, D. Lisek, M. Pearson, S. Manis, B. Moore, C. Carrabine, C. Tully, S. Mundell, G. Riddle, A. Giodano, S. Shinovich, J. Lear, L. Gemeinhart, P. Ornelas, N. Gress, C. Guip, R. Wade, and P. McNally.

# French Club

The French club is a very busy club. They have many meetings throughout the year. They also sell various candies and baked goods to raise money. Every year they have dinners in different French restaurants. Here they discuss plans for the future. During the school year they get to learn about the French culture. One rule during the meetings is they can only talk in French. This helps to enrich their French vocabulary.

1981-82 French Club officers.







1981-82 French club members

Ms. Pavel, sponsor, looks over the notes for the next

Warren Eckels looks over what needs to be done for his next meeting.





### Science Club

The Science club is a very interesting club. They get to learn all about the outdoors and wildlife. Throughout the school year they get to go on various field trips to interesting places. Here they learn more about the earth and soil. Ms. Pavel heads this club. She takes a lot of her own time to make the club interesting and successful. The Science club is a good club to get into because it will help you in college and other courses. Even in later life on camping trips, the tips given in the club may come in useful; for example, such things as what is good to eat in the wilderness and what isn't. Ms. Pavel is an English teacher at the high school. She really seems to enjoy the science club and doesn't mind the extra work involved.



Science Club members.

### Spanish Club

The Spanish club does many activities throughout the year. The students' favorite is the selling of MSM's. This is very popular, and the club makes a lot of money doing this. It also takes a lot of time and hard work. At the end of each year the club has a dinner at a chosen restaurant (Spanish) and they announce the new officers for the following school year. The officers for the rollowing school year. The officers are voted on by their club members. During the year the officers have the responsibility of organizing the club meetings, making sure the MSM sales are

run properly and any other extra activities that the club is involved with. Mrs. Jefferies, the club sponsor, also helps coordinate the club's activities. This club is a good experience. It helps to teach you of the Spanish culture, and it gives you more time to learn to speak the language.

Nancy Merced works on her project for Spanish class.

The Spanish club members discuss their plans for the selling of this year's M'M's.



1981-82 SPANISH CLUB HISTORIANS











### 1981-82 SPANISH CLUB SENIOR MEMBERS





### German Club

The German club is organized by people who are taking German during the school year. During the year they organize bake sales. They sell before and after school. They also, like the Spanish club, have dinners and other activities throughout the year. Yet, unlike the spanish club, they have neither officers or historians. Since the club is so small, they feel no unnecessary power is needed. Mr. Hamilton heads this club.

1981-82 SPANISH CLUB OFFICERS

Adam Frabrici. German club member, is also involved in many other activities.







1981-82 GERMAN CLUB MEMBERS

### **Thespians**

The thespians consist of twenty-eight members. They do many plays during the year. This year they did "Triple Play" Revue "\$2 and "Auntie Mame". It's hard to become a thespian. They have to be in high school acting for two years. Then they have to be chosen by their advisor. Mr. Mulloy heads this organization. He

puts in a lot of afterschool practice time. It always seems the thespians are rehearsing for some kind of entertainment. This year Jeff Schmidt was voted the best actor by his peers. And Georganna Orlich was voted best actress by her peers. This is really an honor. Congratulations!!

THESPIAN OFFICERS 1981-82





1981-82 THESPIANS





Jeff Schmidt, best male actor, shows his skills at the 1982 Revue.



### Girls' Glee

The girls' glee consists of thirty select sophomores. They must have very good voices to be chosen for this. Before the girls are chosen, their voices are tested. Only sophomores are in this club. Then in later high school years they get the chance to be in velvateens and vocateens. Girls' glee gives them more experience of harmonizing so then they have a much better chance of making the velvateens or vocalteens. They have concerts throughout the year to show what they've learned.

Jim Hendrikson sings on the telephone as the audience applaudes at the 1982 Revue.





1981-82 GIRLS' GLEE

### Choir, Velva, Vocal ....

are the teens who have the beat

The concert choir is a mixed choir composed of junior and senior boys and girls. The choir develops vocal technique, appreciation of music, and organizational teamwork. The choir appears in concerts at least six times a year. These include two Christmas concerts, two spring concerts, and Spring Baccalaureate. The choir

meets every day as a one credit per semester class. The vocalteens and velvateens are specialized performing groups selected by audition only. They both participate in the District and State Solo and ensemble contests. There were seven firsts this year.

Mr. Reinhart, the choir director, looks over the music for his afternoon's rehearsal.

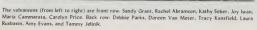
Jim Soos practices the new music for the Spring Concert.













The velvateen girls practice for their mid-winter concert with smiles on their faces.

Laura Snieder. Lori Jewel, and Karen Huber take a break from practice.

The vocalteens practice feverishly for their final practice before the Spring concert.

Vocalteens, (bottom row and up): J. Schmidt, K. Lazarian, J. Hendrickson, D. Neal, M. Handley, G. Orlich, R. Parapart, A. Pena, C. Artz, D. Gruber, J. Hartwig, D. Rogers, J. Deyot, R. Gray, C. Geske, R. Rosich, S. Grant.







Concert Choir (front row), D. Wirtis, G. Bateman, S. Grant, C. Evans, P. Vrotny, C. Price, M. Commorada, D. Chidester, A. Pena, D. Boyer, P. Crowder, D. Lisek. (2nd row). R. Abramson, C. Geske, D. Neal, M. Marion, C. Schoenfield, M. Blanco, J. Gifford, J. Soos, T. Bartrom, J. Deyot, S. Grant, K. Seber, and J. Iwan. 3rd row. D. Van Meter, M. Doty, L. Jewel, S. Foremski, R. Gray, D. Bianco, D. Gruper, D. Evans, B. Rosich, A. Evans, K. Capusan, L. Rusbasin, Last row. D. Flauding, J. Hartwig, D. Parks, M. Handley, J. Harper, K. Madison, J. Schmidt, D. Rogers, R. Parapart, T. Jelinik, M. Babilla, T. Cannfield.

### **Band and Orchestra**

The high school band is composed of sophomores, juniors, and seniors. The students practice daily during school and sometimes even after school throughout the year. A full credit is given each semester. The band gives three public school concerts. Some of the variety of the band includes the marching band, solo and ensemble activity, jazz bands, flag corps.

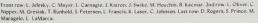
and symphonic band work. Mrs. Williams was the head of this club. It took a lot of organization and time to keep up with all the different parts of the band. She also devoted some lunch hours to coordinating the pom-pon girls with the band. This year, students participated in the Indiana State Music Association.

The Brass section front row, R. Laganok, T. Nipper, D. Lupke, M. Rielly, S. Baleich, D. Spott, V. Jewell, J. Micheals, 2nd row, D. Shatkouski, W. Norris, G. Marx, R. Bianco, K. Weining, M. Bateman, M. Kezy, J. Spott. 3rd row, J. Zajac, L. Bella, K. Wilson, B. Touchette, S. Edwards, J. Galovio, P. Komsarik.











Orchestra (front row): D. Marino, K. Brooks, J. Neff, K. Wardell, and D. Fife. 2nd row: G. Ordway, K. Oliver, M.



Twelve soloists earned first place medals, while seven others earned second place medals. Seven of the eight ensembles placed second in the contest. First place soloists were L. Pysh (2 solos), T. Runholt, B. Milteer, R. Robinson, A. Frabrici, D. Rogers (2 solos), D. Shatkowski, L. LaMarca, and D. Jahmsca, and D. Johnson.

Second place winners were L. Jelesky, A. Christo, E. Guanajuato, K. Spott, R. Jimenz, M. Kraft, and J. Spott.

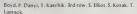
First place ensemble winners were L.

Pysh and T. Runholt; M. Glorioso and J. Clapp, P. Fargo, L. King, L. Wilkison, and T. Marando, M. Glorioso, J. Clapp, M. Stanton, and D. Hayes, D. Rogers, L. LaMarca, and M. Marmolejo, D. Shatkowski, B. Touchette, J. Zajac, D. Rogers, L. Bella, and J. Galovic, E. Brizendine, M. Kraft, R. Robinson, K. Sullivan, M. Marmolejo, R. Adams, J. Spott, D. Shatkowski, B. Touchette, J. Zajac, D. Rogers, L. LaMarca, S. Prince, M. Dawson, and D. Johnson

Front row: A. Christo, J. Clapp, L. Johnson, M. Glorioso, D. Hayes, T. Marando, L. King, 2nd row: P. Fargo, M. Stanton, M. Olivadoti, D. St. Martin, B. Milteer, C. Blair. 3rd row: K. Sabo, S. Metten, T. Runholt, L. Pysch, L. Willison, L. Kubiak.









Front row. M. Glatt, M. Kraft, R. Adams, A. Fabrici, J. Spott, D. Barnes, B. Rosich, 2nd row. P. Cambell, R. Robinson, E. Brizendine, W. Cruz, K. Fitzgeráld, R. Jimenez, G. Guerrero, K. Shudick, 3rd row. B. McCoy, A. Carole, K. Hayup, B. Shimley, M. Dawson, D. Johnson.

### Yearbook staff does the Impossible

The yearbook staff consists of twenty-eight members. There are five photographers headed by Dave LaCounte. All the pictures in the yearbook are taken by these five photographers except the senior and underclass individuals. It's important that the pictures are done on time and that the photographers can work well with their co-workers. Mr. Woods, adviser, makes gure this is carried out.

Mr. Woods won't be back next year, and we're all going to miss him. He always makes sure things are done and on time, but he lets us have fun at the same time. He also heads the Newspaper and Quill and Scroll. We all appreciate all the help he has given us through the year.

Tina Bogordos and Sheila De St. Jean look at Lynne Shearin as she finished "wolfing" the ruler.

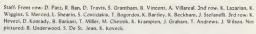








Randy Ban takes time from his sports page to look at the camera.















Kathy Beckham and Stacy Costidakis work on the underclass section.

Can you guess who the starr-eyed woman is?? That's right: Tina Bogordos.

Toni Miller, editor-in-chief, helps Diane Konrady and Sheila De St. Jean with their layout.

Sue Foremski asks someone for advise about which picture to pick for her section.

Nancy Merced and Theresa Malich decide on which picture to use for this week's sport section.

Bob Laughead works on illustration for the senior magazine.







Mr. Woods and Bob Satnan work on the final copy for this years senior magazine.

## Newspaper

The newspaper consists of nineteen members. Every other week they publish a school newspaper called "The Mirror". It consists of a news section, a sports section, a horoscope section, and many other interesting subjects. The staff always seems to keep the students informed on current events.

The staff also puts out the senior newspaper. This recaps the senior's year. It's important that it's done correctly because students keep the senior edition for life. Mr. Woods does a very good job at all this. He is the advisor, and he always makes sure the job is done right and on time.

Front row: T. Luptak, G. Gatlin, J. Snemis. 2nd row: N. Merced, P. Welch, B. Laughead, D. Abernathy, R. Laganoek, Last row: B. Satnan, J. Swike, D. Parks, C. Hill, D. LeCounte, K. LeFever, M. Kolozinski, L. Christoff, G. Tully, T. Malich, J. Amarulia,





Tim Luptak takes a rest, as he knows the newspaper for this week is on its way.

Darrin Abernathy looks at his freshly developed film in the dark room.





John Amatulli, editor, works feverishly to meet the Thursday deadline.

Nancy Merced gets the articles organized for the next edition of the Mirror.

# ACADEMICS

Dreams are but wishes upon stars ...
Success is the result of hard work ...
Rewards are what we search for ...
Academics is the place to start ...

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Junior Kelly Lepp calculates a problem during Trigonometry class.





Sophomore Craig Kosac programs his computer.







Senior Roger Briggs constructs framework for the house constructed by the Building Trades.



## English Department Maintains High Standards

The English Department at Merrillville has set up a curriculum which offers many courses for students to take. The basic courses are composition and literature. The department also offers a variety of nine-week courses such as Perspectives on Death, Great Detective Stories, Medical Terminology, Developmental Reading, Vocabulary, Mythology, and Horror Sto-

ries.

Mrs. Lynch, Miss Pavel, and Mrs. Fry went to Boston to the National Council Teachers of English Convention to present workshops on our English Program. It was well received.

Students Alexis Loda, Jamie Desatnic, and Stacy Costidakis write their compositions for English Literature class.





With the exception of one, these students seem to know their comp. assignment.

Mrs. Fry gives a quick vote of confidence to her advanced comp class.





Here, Ron Gray takes an intense peek at his book before his Mythology quiz.

Puzzling mathematic problems have these students mind-boggled.



## Mathematics: A Tedious Problem

Mathematics is a very important qualification for those who expect to make it in the working world. The mathematics department offers courses from Basic Math to Calculus. It also offers Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Analytic Geometry, and College Algebra.

Students are required to take at least one year of math to graduate. But in order to open new careers for the future, they must obtain more knowledge in the field of math.

With the classes that Merrillville offers, students are able to get a start toward useful knowledge of the mathematics skill.



Cramming for the big test, Steve Smith hurridly assures himself that he understands how to do each proof.

Mr. Feeney makes paying attention in his classroom mandatory.





Liz Christoff is diligently trying to work our her Trig. problem.

## Students experiment with life

The Science Department at Merrillville is designed to involve students in the experimental process. There is a variety of courses offered to the students such as Biology, Physics, Chemistry, and Earth Science. In each course, the students participate in various projects and experiments.

Biology teaches the students about the

life of people, animals, and plants. Physics involves the students in the matters of space and time. Chemistry tries to explain the reasons for chemical reactions. And finally, Earth Science deals with the environment, history, and the materials which make up the earth. The courses which are offered prepare a student for a future career in the science field.

Lori Swartout studies the evidence under the microscope that she found during her experiment.

Mary Kay Sell and Debbie Chidester work out the calculations on their chemistry experiments

Mrs. Sayer explains an experiment with the use of a microscope to Beth Kaegebein.









Gigi Vergin and Leah Stooksbury examine the grasshopper before they disect it.

# Busy students get down to business.

The Business Department here at Merrillville is one of the bestl Our business system offers courses in Accounting. Typing, Shorthand, Business Law, Office Machines, Office Procedures, and Business Math. Advanced courses are offered in Accounting. Typing, and Shorthand.

These classes are helpful in providing students with the basic background to be successful in the evergrowing business world. The demand for secretaries is higher than it's ever been. Many Merrillville students plan to meet these demands.

The Accounting course gives students background in starting the management of a business or how to balance a budget. Typing and Shorthand are useful for students who plan to go away to college. Typing will help hem with term papers and Shorthand will provide a faster way of taking notes. Office Machines and Office Procedures are essential for the student who plans to start working in an office immediately after graduation.

The Business Department at Merrillville has grown greatly over the past years and continues to get better and better!

Lori Gemeinhart skillfully tries to obtain her goal during a 3 minute timed writing.



What's the matter with you guys? Is Bill the only one who understands?



Krissy Kouvelas takes an obvious peek to see what's behind her.





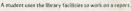
Lisa Rusbasan is determined to finish her confusing shorthand assignment before the bell rings.

## The library provides the right atmosphere for studying

The library at Merrillville provides the students with the proper place to study and quietly concentrate on their schoolwork. It's also a place for enjoyment for reading and for being with friends. The Library has many reference materials to help the students in every way it can. It has a wide range of books on all types of subjects. It supplies a lot of information

for the students. The Library is well-organized and efficient, which helps the students get information right away. The Library provides the right atmosphere for the students, not only just for studying but for the enjoyment of using it.

Juniors Skip Walker and Steve Smith relax in the cubicals in the library.









Sophomore Jamie Sibincic uses the library to quietly

Dave Nims quietly tries to cram for a test.





Seniors Steve Hipp and John Tilmon are interrupted from their studies to pose for the camera.

Mike Nochevich runs the film through the projector so it can be shown.





## **Audio Visual** gives a student a new experience.

The audio visual department is a place that provides the classes with filmstrips, movies, video tapes, and slides which pertain to the specific subject. It also gives the student who wants to learn about A.V. a new experience. They learn how to run the various equipment and how to show films to classes. They also learn how to fix the equipment if it happens to break down. The students also enjoy the time they spend watching movies when they have free time. This class gives the student a break from the normal class sched-

Senior Jim Soos rewinds the tape on the video in order for it to play.

Brad Slayden tries to get to the beginning of the reel.



## Foreign Language prepares Students for the future.

Spanish, French, and German are the three foreign language courses offered at Merrillville High. Each course teaches the students vocabulary, speaking, and listening skills. They also learn the history and different cultures of the country. New things are introduced to the students everyday so that they can broaden their knowledge of the language which they are studying.

Here, Sonia Gonzalez seems to be staring off into space instead of listening.

Today, knowing a foreign language can increase a person's chances for getting a better job. Having taken a Foreign Language in high school can also give a person who is going to college earned credit hours in that course. The students who take a foreign language seem to enjoy it, and the language itself will benefit them in the future.

Foreign Language students, while using their headsets, practice their listening skills.



George Doolin gives Maria Zervos and Mary Vlisides private Spanish lessons, while others try to listen.





Annette Ciochina seems interested in what her Spanish teacher is saving.



### Senior Kevin Shaver works to get his assignment





Eric Dornburg tries to get help from uncooperative Jay Layman.

## Students learn of past events

quiz.

History classes at Merrillville High participate in a variety of projects and activities. The students are required to read excerpts from essays and other textbooks. They also write reports, read important articles from the Scholastic Search Magazines, view films and videotapes. The class also works on group projects. They also listen to lectures and take notes over the Chapters in the book. Everyone is asked to contribute something to the class to make it a more relaxed learning setting.

Junior Paul Steininger tries to cram for a history

Mr. East scans over his attendance list before beginning class.







Lori Jelesky and Dawn Lupcke work together to finish one of Mr. Moody's many tedious projects.

## Industrial Arts teaches craftsmanship

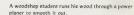
Industrial Arts is an important part of every student who plans to start a career in a mechanical field. It is also important for students who plan repair and management of a home some day. Industrial Arts gives the basics and even advanced courses in many aspects of handiwork.

Courses are offered for both girls and boys of all grade levels. The basic classes are Wood Shop. Metal Shop. Machine Shop and Plastics. These courses give the students the fundamentals necessary for completing easier projects like a chess table, a grandfather clock frame, ping pong balls, plastic footballs, coasters, etc. They learn to perform various operations on different machines, techniques of plastic safety, temperature cycle time, and others. They also learn to set up their own lab reports.

Industrial Arts has shown many students the way to craftsmanship careers.



Dave Bulger uses a lathe to polish his machine shop project.









A student is skillfully cutting a piece of metal with the use of a band saw.

Paul Fabian is opaquing a silk screen for his silk screen project in graphic arts class.

Mike Meshede and Eric Schrenker take a slow jog around the gym.

## "Let's Get Physical"

The Physical Education Department at Merrillville High has put the Sophomore students in physically fit condition. Gym class is a requirement for all Sophomores who wish to graduate. The class is taken for one school year, and in that year the students participate in various activities.

The Physical Education Department has a wide range of sports taught to the students by the teachers. Some include vol-

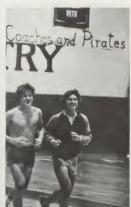
leyball, basketball, ping pong, swimming, tennis, and golf. The students learn the basic skills in each sport. Sports that some students didn't know anything about become a challenge to them. Gym is not limited to Sophomores. It can also be taken as an elective for Juniors and Seniors who still have an interest in Physical Education.

Students enjoy a challenging game of ping pong.





Swimming is also a part of gym class. Here students learn the basic skills.





Mr. Armontrout instructs his students on the proper way to physical fitness.

## Look out Betty Crocker! . . . Here comes real skill.

The Home Economics Department includes courses in sewing, cooking, child development, and modern living. In each class the students do and learn a variety of things. Home economics provides students with the basic knowledge on family management, running a home, and caring for children.

The child development course teaches students how to deal with, understand, and care for children. Each student brings a child to the class so that she can make direct observations of the child.

The modern living class teaches about life and other people.

The cooking and sewing classes provide the basic steps. Then if a student wishes to go on, he or she will take the advanced courses.



Maria Zimmerman finally finishes her project in Sewing class.

Children accompanied to child development class enjoy the Halloween festivities.



Dawn Newlin and Julie Scrivnor concentrate on following the recipe exactly, hoping it will come out just right.





Not only girls are in Home Ec! Here Allan Vazquez skillfully decorates his masterpiece, putting on the finishing touches.

Scott James demonstrates his ability to construct a foundation for the house.





In this picture. Gary Hamilton gets down off the ladder after finishing a job well done.

# Building Trades gives the students a head start in their career

This year the Building Trades class is constructing a Bi-level house in the Savanah Ridge Subdivision. As the pictures show, the students have been working hard and have been quite successful in the development of the house. Each student participates in the construction of the house. They learn new and valuables skills which will help them in the future.

The Building Trades class is in its

fourth consecutive year. The class is a one year, six credit course, and can be taken in the morning or afternoon. Building Trades offers the students a change of pace from the normal school day and also an opportunity to obtain valuable skills which will benefit them in the future.

Here. Dan Miller is shown leveling the foundation of the house.





Here is a peek at the unfinished house being built by the Merrillville High students.

## Art Improves Student's Artistic Ability

The Art Department gives the student with artistic talent a chance to improve his skills. There are a variety of art courses. Each gives the students an opportunity to work with their hands. Eleven art classes provide students with the basic knowledge of the principles of design and composition. This is usually learned in

can go on to a level which concentrates on their specific talent such as, Painting, Ceramics, Sculpture, Drawing, and Commercial Art. Each specialized class tries to improve and broaden the student's artistic ability.

Sophomore Beth Kormos skillfully tries to finish her





Laura Gavelak takes a quick peek to get some ideas from a friend.

Senior Cheryl Tomb artistically puts the final touches on



A student in Ceramics shapes his pottery into a vase.

This computer class is preparing to enter information into the "PET" computer to see if their programs will run correctly.

Craig Kosak prepares his computer for the final program.

## Computers are the Future World in Careers

Computer Programming with the business emphasis offers students instructions in programming a computer in the basic language. Students operate on the PET 2001. Approximately 9 weeks is devoted to instruction in the fundamentals of BASIC. The following 9 weeks consists of writing programs involving business applications of the computer.

Computer Programming with the math emphasis is basically the same as the business emphasis. Both involve instruction in the BASIC Computer Language.

Computer Programming is an important class for students who plan a future of working with computers. The business world today is made up mostly of computers, so it would be an excellent future career for someone who likes to work with computers.

Nick Bumbales, Beth Bianco, and Jim Fratzke smile for the camera after finally finishing their programs.



## Music makes the world go round

Performances by the Merrillville High choirs were shows that shouldn't have been missed this year. The Christmas program received glowing comments. After the Christmas program, students traveled to NISBOVA contest, and those who took

first places there went on to ISBOVA, a state contest.

The girls' glee club is made up of mostly sophomore girls. The concert choir is judior and senior boys and girls combined. The vocalteens and velveteens are smaller singing groups of students with more advanced voices.

The students who participate in the choirs enjoy the experience of learning new music and different ways of presenting it. Choir helps the student with talent find out how good they really are.

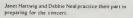
The director, Mr. Reinhart, rehearses the music with

Junior Amy Evans waits for her cue to start singing.









Senior Cheryl Arts concentrates on her music while playing the piano.





Seniors Beth Milter and Tim Runholt practice the music on their clarinet.

Band students watch their instructor to cue them.

## Band produces musical talent

The Merrillville High Band, as shown in these pictures, works hard to be their very best. During the course of the year, the band performs three different concerts, which include Christmas winter, and the pre-contest concerts.

The contest, which is held in the month of April, allows bands from all areas of the state to compete against each other for places which rank them. They also compete in individual ensembles and solo contest. This gives a student a chance to see how good they are compared to other students. It also gives a student a feeling that

he has accomplished something during the years.

Other sections created from band include Pep and Jazz band, Flag Corps, and Pom Pons.

Band lets the student with talent enjoy instrumental music.

Carie Johnson and Jackie Swike concentrate on their music.

Liz Oliver pauses while Tom Runholt shows her how it is done.





# SPORTS

The thrills of victories, the agonies of defeats. The tall and skinny, the short and stout. The gifted and talented, the dedicated and hard working. The males, the females, the athletes of M.H.S.

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Fans show their enthusiasm and spirit as the Bucs go on to win the annual "Battle of Broadway."

Right. Jay Mack. 98lbs. varsity wrestler prepares himself for his opponent.

Senior Jon Tilmon takes the ball to the basket for two points as Junior Casey Carrabine positions for a rebound.











Top: Hard work and determination often result in the grace and beauty of a successful routine on the balance beam as proven by Sarah McAnnally.

Above: Junior quarterback Nick Bravos prepares to unload for the Pirates.

Senior volleyballers Toni Miller, Peggy Abel, and Chris DeWell "enjoying" pep rally in their honor.

## SUCCESSFUL SEASON

It all begins the first week of August. It's hot, and there are a couple of good weeks left in the summer. But a certain group of young men are sacrificing all of this to play football for Merrillville High School. It takes a special kind of person to play football for Merrillville. Maybe that is why we have such a strong winning tradition.

This season was no different. The Pirates tackled a very tough schedule and came out ahead to post a 7-3 record. The season opener was against Lew Wallace, and the Pirates disposed of them 10-7. Next, tough Fort Wayne Dwenger came into Merrillville and ambused the Pirates 28-0. But instead of giving up after that defeat, the Merrillville players rallied around Coach Ken Haupt and posted 3 straight victories. The Munster Mustangs, who are a Lake Suburban Conference power, became the first victim. A Larry Judge field goal and a touchdown pass from Nick Bravos to Scott Plesha paved the way for a 16-0 win. Then, conference opponent Chesterton fought Merrillville in a defensive struggle. However, the Pirates prevailed by a score of 3-0. The next game proved to be perhaps the most exciting game of the season. Pirate fans spent the whole week getting ready for it. Conference rival Portage was the opponent, and it was Homecoming. Led by co-captain Joe Luckiewicz's punishing running, the Pirates completely dominated Portage, intercepting them 3 times. The final score of this one-sided contest was 15-0. Next, havoc struck at Hobart's Brickie Bowl. This game always seems to be a dogfight. Hobart took a 10-0 lead in the second quarter, but Merrillville came back to post a quick touchdown before half-time. The extra point failed. A late offensive surge was halted and Hobart prevailed by a score of 10-6. Dave Woodward proved to be the difference in the Michigan City Rodgers game. The junior tailback, behind fantastic blocking from the offensive line. scored 2 touchdowns and teammate Nick Bravos scored another. The final was Merrillville 23 and the Michigan City Rodgers



Below, Nick Bravos watches Dave Woodward seek the block that will spring him on his way up field.





Joe Luckiewicz is air born on his way to a Pirate interception.

The muddy Hobart sidelines weren't the only disappointment for the Pirates, as Hobart went on to win the game.









Don Engle and Jon Giacomin fight off would be linemen as Mike Evanyo looks on.

Doug Cochran, Jon Giacomin, and John Oglego pursue the killing of the Michigan City halfback.

## Pirates give Coach Haupt victory # 100

Valparaiso caught an injury riddled Pirates squad off guard. They beat us in this conference contest by a score of 20-7. Pirates had no trouble getting fired up for the next game. It matched us against inner city rival Andrean. As usual, Merrillville dominated the game. Sophomore quarterback Ken Haupt Jr. passed for 2 touchdowns leading the Pirates to a 23-7 victory. LaPorte invaded Demaree field for the season finale. The seniors, playing their last game for the purple and white, played inspired football. The Bucs jumped on them early and never let up until the final gun sounded. The final score was Merrillville 20, LaPorte 0.

The Pirate offensive was a bit lethargic at the beginning, but once it got rolling, it was tough to stop. The emphasis was put on the rushing. Dave Woodward led the way with 616 yards and Joe Luckiewicz, who was troubled all year with injuries, collected 470 yards. Junior Alex Pantelic and sophomore Lou Spiru also made positive contributions. When the Pirates did put the ball up, it was usually Nick Brayos or Ken Haupt, Jr. Both threw for over 200 yards. In the receiving department, Woodward and Scott Plesha both made excellent targets. Both caught 3 touchdown passes.

The defense proved its worth by

posting 4 shutouts. Mike Evanyo led the swarming defense in tackles. Mike Sa-kaleros led the team in fumble recovers, with 4 and tying Don Engle and Bently Craig for the lead in sacks with 5 each. Scott Plesha was the leader of a strong secondary. He picked off 6 passes while teammate Ken Petroff sniped 5.

Individual awards won by players are as follows: best offensive lineman, Mark Dujmovich, best defensive lineman, Mike Sakaleros; best offensive back Dave Woodward; best defensive back, Scott Plesha, Pirate award, Greg Kerulis and John Kostides, MVP, Scott Plesha. Also, Joe Luckiewicz was named Mr. Football.

Congratulations to the team and special congratulations to Coach Ken Haupt for achieving his 100th victory.

Coach Hankins displays his mild manner of speech.





Ist row-M. Evanyo, D. Knopp. B. Harding, G. Doolin, M. Walker, M. Anderson, J. Luckiewicz, K. Petroff, X. Canchola, M. Dujmovich, S. Hipp, Janf owe-G. Kertlis, N. Lalios, S. Plesha, B. Craig, J. Pearman, J. Kottlos, Hipp, L. Judge, 3rd row-M. Judge, G. Gatlin, S. Walker, D. Woodward, B. Remley, J. Bardeson, G. Karras, S. Bunnell, N. Bravos, D. Engle, S. Krutz, K. Haupt, 4th row-M. Thomas, J. Doolin, T. Wirtz, L. Schmidt, J. Cunningham, J. Khodes, J. Giscomin, L. Sprius, S. Manne, R. Moses, D. Cochara, 5th row-Coach Haupt, Coach Hankins, Coach Braggs, Coach Yelton, Coach Cameron, A. Ogan, J. Oglego, M. Sakaleros, A. Pantelic, K. Bell, F. Primich, Student Trainer, N. Bommbles, Mgr. D. Lied, Mgr. A. Canchola,



Larry Judge prepares to enter for a crucial field goal.





Ken Petroff and Mike Evanyo are shown fighting off downfield blocks.

Seniors Mike Anderson, Brian Harding, and Xavier Canchola lead the fired up Pirates through the tunnel onto Demaree field.

#### VARCITY FOOTBALL COUEDING

VAI	RSITY FOOTBALL SCH	IEDULE
MHS		OPP.
10	Lew Wallace	7
0	F.W. Dwenger	28
16	Munster	0
3	Chesterton	0
15	Portage	0
6	Hobart	10
23	M.C. Rogers	7
7	Valparaiso	20
23	Andrean	7
20	LaPorte	0



Junior standout Mike Sakaleros prepares for a defensive explosion.





Dave Woodward escapes two 59er lineman as brother Barry holds the hole open. The Pirates' powerful defense was anchored by safety, MVP, Scott Plesha.



Pirate players react violently to the little cream puff Shenanigan pulled by Hobart.

Sophomore tailback Mark Harding leaps over an Andrean opponent for the first down.

Below: The young bucs' defensive line penetrates the









Ist row: Ken Haupt, Jeff Stewart, Lance Bella, Mark Harding, Doug Waters, Scott Jenks, Neil Miller, Larry Peyton, 2nd row. Louie Spiru, Greg Karras, Dave Mriscin, Charles Sell, Ton D'Asto, Chuck Liapes, Brian Curcio, Dan Roszkowski, Jon Rhodes. 3rd row: Kave McKee, Jeff Miller, Ed Lopez, Brian Bardeson, Joe Zagac, Barry Woodward, Dave Henry, Paul Lozanoski. 4th row: Mgr. Dave DeStefano, Coach Jim Wiggins, Kevin Bell, Craig Kosac, Jim Rubusk, Jeff Ogiego, Dean Ott, Marty Geary, Tom Brown, Eric Shrenker, Mgr. Craig Schoenfield.

### Great Season

7-1

The 1981 J-V Football team, under the direction of Coach Wiggins and Coach Herbert, posted a sparkling 7-1 record. Victory number one came easily as the Pirates stomped LaPorte 25-0. Next, the gridders showed Hobart and Lake Central they could win the close ball games. They dropped Hobart 18-14 and Lake Central 12-6 in overtime. The only loss of the season was a heartbreaking one to Chesterton by a score of 7-6. This loss probably served as an inspiration to the Pirates. After it, they went on to post four consecutive shutouts. The first victim was Portage, whom they beat 19-0. In the traditional "Battle of Broadway" the Pirates sent Andrean home with a 14-0 defeat. In the next game versus Michigan City Rogers, the Pirates had an offensive explosion, defeating their foe. The season finale matched the Pirates and Valparaiso, Glowing with confidence, the Pirates handled Valpo in fine fashion by defeating them 14-0. This is the best J-V team since we joined the Duneland Conference. The team also set records with 5 shutouts and least amount of points scored upon them-27. Considering the team's success, Pirates football fans should be in for some exciting football in the next couple of years.

Left: Paul Lozanoski nails the 3 pointer.

J.	V. FOOTBALL SCHE	DULE
MHS		OPP.
25	LaPorte	C
19	Hobart	14
12	Lake Central	6
6	Chesterton	7
19	Portage	C
14	Andrean	C
27	M.C. Rogers	C
	Valnansias	0

**Duneland Conference Champions** 

## Boys' CC Ends Up 6-4

Coach Jim Moody took a team that was half Freshman and Sophomores, then blended them with a few experience upper-classmen, and made a winner out of the 1981 boys cross-country team. This dedicated bunch of althetes started training in June. Thus, when the first meet rolled around in late August, they were prepared to meet the challenge. They defeated Hammond Morton in this meet.

After this victory, the Pirates went on to post a 6 and 4 record in dual and triangular meets. Along the way, they defeated many of the areas top teams such as Gary Roosevelt, Hobart, M.C. Rogers, Lowell, and LaPorte.

A lack of running experience was the only thing that hurt the Pirates. Dave Rogers was the only Senior varsity runner. Team members included Dave Rodgers, Dan Barnes, Dave Barnes, Ron Voyles, John Yakabec, Ron Hollbrook, Ed Brizendine, Gary Glatt, Chris Crowder, Fer-

Senior Dave Rogers' expression displays the agony of the first two kilometers.



dando Martinez, Scott Semper, Tim Runholt, Tom Runholt, Dave Kierzkowski, Dan Papkiewicz, Chris Wieser, and Paul Kasperzak. With a little more experience and a lot of hard work, next year's team should develop into one of the area's best.

Young men receiving awards at the banquet were MVP, Ed Brizendine; Most Summer Mileage, Dave Rodgers, Best Mental Attitude and Most Improved, Ed Brizendine.

From the look on Fernando Martinez's face, the finish line is still miles away.

Chris Crowder prepares to make his move on the rest of the pack.





Ist row: Gary Glatt, Ed Brizendine, Tom Runholt, Tim Runholt, Ron Holbrook, Dave Barnes. 2nd row: Coach Moody, Dave Kierzkowski, Scott Semper, Dave Rodgers, Dan Barnes, Fernando Martinez, Chris Crowder, John Yakubec, Dan Pankiewicz. Not Pictured: Dave Rainford, Ron Voyles, Paul Kasperzak, Chris Weiser.



ВОУ	'S' CROSS COUNTR	Y.
MHS		OPP
15	Morton	50
19	Roosevelt	44
42	Griffith	26
36	Portage	19
6th-Jr.	Rensselaer	
lOth-Sr.	lnv't	
17	Hobart	49
26	Rogers	35
19	Valpo	36
23	LaPorte	38
8th	Highland	
	Inv't	
49	Chesterton	15
8th	Hobart Inv't	
5th	Twin Lakes	
	Inv't	
42	Lowell	54
7th	Conference	

Delphi Invite

7th

Ist row: Juliette Hjarre and Janet Hartwig. 2nd row: Chris Braun, Monica Sudbrack, Coach Stoelting, Cheryl Tomb, Lori Johnson.





## Girls' CC Qualifies

Coach Lyle Stoelting brought his team further than anyone thought possible. Four seniors led the underclassmen to a building year. The girls started slowly, but came out roaring at home to defeat Thorton Fractional North. The girls then went on to place second in a triangular meet and toppled Munster at Munster. The girls then hit a losing stread before an excellent showing in Sectionals. Their showing earned them the right to compete in Regionals. The girls finished the season with a 3 and 7 overall record.

Individual awards given at the banquet were Most Valuable, Janet Hartwig, IRON WOMAN. Cheryl Tomb; Most Improved, Chris Braun. Janet Hartwig; had the best time in the 3 kilometer, an impressive II:12.

Janet Hartwig makes her way through the scenic part of the race.



#### GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE

L Lake Central
L Highland
16th Palatine Invitational
L Lake Central
L Rich East

L Rich East 4th Sectional

Cheryl Tomb concentrates on the prestigious race that lies ahead.

## GIRLS' GOLF FINDS ...

### A balanced attack from all five players.

The 1981 girls golf season was definitely a rebuilding year. The team was lead by seniors Karen Krampien and Kris Springman. The girls showed fine effort, but their overall record dipped to 3 wins and 8 losses.

Despite the record, coach Ed Wiles' constant enthusiasm and encouragement did get the girls up for a couple of key matches. Coach Wiles calls his girls first place victory at the South Newton Invitational the highlight of the season. It was indeed a great accomplishment due to the fact that the meet featured many top teams from the area. Also, late in the season, they had a strong surge as conference foes Hobart and Chesterton bowed to the lady Pirates.

No single golfer on the team dominated. The stroke average of every girl was within three of each other. That showed very

good balance.

The girls receiving honors at the sports' banquet this fall were: Melissa Sadowski, most improved; Karen Krampien, best mental attitude; and Jennifer Eibel, most valuable player.

The thing that sets good programs and average programs apart is the ability to overcome defeat. Coach Wiles feels that with the return of such players as Jennifer Eiber. Sherri Modrak, Kathy Pederson, Lisa Primer, and Melissa Sadowski, he can lead his team on the road back to a winning season. We wish him the best of luck for a winning future.

Sherry Modrak retrieves a key birdie putt, which she sank on the 18th hole.

Senior Kris Springman starts the swing of her iron shot on the home fairway of Summer Tree.



#### GIRLS' GOLF SCHEDULE

MHS		OPP.
235	M.C. Elston	210
216	Flossmore	162
221	Portage	217
232	M.C. Marquette	208
208	LaPorte	204
211	Andrean	204
241	M.C. Rodgers	171
210	Munster	234
207	Knox	188
203	Chesterton	243
209	Valpo	200
193	Hobart	274
South	Newton Invitational Ist	





Left: All eyes down, as Missy Sadowski prepares to club the ball.

Below: Jennifer Eibel warms up for an iron shot in the rough.





Bottom row: Kathy Peterson, Missy Sadowski, Sherry Modrak, Lisa Primer, Jennifer Eibel. Top row: Coach Lil Wiles, Kris Springman, Karen Krampien, Coach Ed Wiles.



Above: Sherry Modrak displays the deep concentration needed for golf.

## Strong finish

Coach Kim Kincaid came in and turned the girls' swim team around. Once they all got adjusted, they ended the season with four wins. They ripped through such conference foes as M.C. Rogers and Portage but failed to meet the .500 mark. They finished in conference and 4-5-1 overa'

Cutstanding swimmers were Laura ozniak who set the school diving record. Sue Schinovich placed high enough in sectionals to qualify for state in the 100 breast stroke.

Individual awards given to the team by Coach Kincaid at the banquet were Best mental attitude, Jill Giordano; Super simmer, Sue Shinovich.

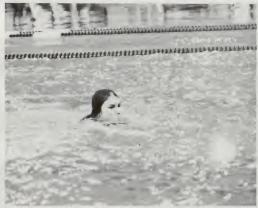
Laura Wozniak makes her final winning strokes.



Mary Dyman strokes in an easy win. Lisa Rusak takes aim on the starting block.









Laura Wozniak concentrates on a perfect dive.





Mary Dyman launches to a good start.

Anne Eliot cruises past the pack of competition.







Ist row: Coach Kim Kincaid, L. Wozniak, P. Metten, S. Shinovich, M. Dyman, L. Dian, L. Rusak, L. Lesniak, Coach Julie Smith. 2nd row: N. Gress, A. Giordano, A. Elliot, C. Froman, K. Lesniak, L. Gemeinhart, J. Giordano, K. Olson.

#### GIRL'S SWIMMING SCHEDULE

MHS	OPP
L	Chesterton
L	Highland
L /	LaPorte
L /	Valpo
tied	Hobart
W	M.C. Rogers
W	Portage
W	Lake Central
L	Munster
WU	Crown Point

## Bucs capture Invitational

Most teams who lost all of their singles places and had their top returnee transfer to another school would have settled for an average year. But the 1981 tennis team rallied around its colorful coach. Mr. Dave Banas and posted a very respectable overall record of 9 and 6. Captain Jon Tilmon and fellow seniors set the example, and the underclassmen followed.

They started quickly by rolling 3 straight victories over Lowell, M.C. Rogers, and Crown Point. On September IIth and 12th, the team captured 1st place out of 9 teams in the Highland Invitational. It was the first ever for the team. Then, only 3 days later, the Pirates defeated perennial northern power LaPorte for the first time since Banas has been head coach.

The Pirates were also victorious in the always important match against rival Andrean. Tilmon, playing at 3rd singles and list doubles, led the team in victories. He was followed closely by Guy Tully, who played at first doubles, and by Joby Arredondo who played second singles.

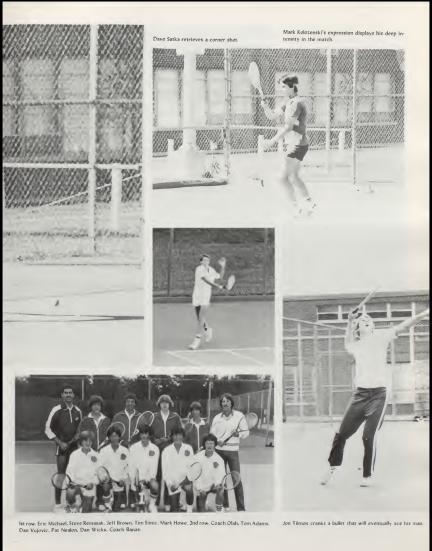
Other team members were Mark Kolozenski, Simo Ceko, Toby Darkins, and Dave Satka. The following awards were presented at the end of the season. Guy Tully, Best Mental Attitude. Dave Satka, Most Improved, Joby Arrendondo, Most Valuable.

Guy Tully easily returns an attempted ace by the opposing 9ers.

#### DOVEL TENNIC CONFIDENCE

	BOYS' TENNIS SCHEDULI	E
MH:	3	OPP.
3	Lowell	2
4	M.C. Rogers	- 1
3	Crown Point	2
2	Hobart	3
3	Portage	2
3	Chesterton	2
Ist	Highland Inv	v
0	Valpo	- 5
3	LaPorte	2
3	M.C. Rogers	2
2	Hobart	3
1	Portage	4
3	Chesterton	2
1	Valpo	4
4	Andrean	- 1
1	LaPorte	4





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Q's kids receive last minute instructions during the final home game.

Junior Karen Huber winds up for her powerful serve.

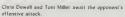












Senior Chris Dewell is airborn in hopes of a spike.



## Girls bring home DAC and Sectional Crown

What a memorable year it was for the girls' volleyball team. They finished with an overall record of 24-4, won the conference, and managed to make a trip to the State Finals. The season opened with decisive victories over Lake Central, Hammond Gavit, and Boone Grove. After that, they disposed of Lake Station, Lowell, HammondClark, and Calumet. So, there they stood with a 7-0 record. They were undefeated and ranked very high. They had the student body at Merrillville High School caught up in a frenzy of excitement. The girls continued to roll like a well-oiled machine. Chesterton, Bishop well-oiled machine. Chesterton, Bishop

Noll and M.C. Rogers all fell to the Pirates in a 7 day span.

Then, state finalist Hammond Morton came into Pirate Country and handed the girls their first defeat.

But this determined crew refused to let this get them down. They reeled off 5 straight victories to raise their record at that point to an awesome I6-I.

Now the folks in the community were getting involved. Everybody found themselves checking the newspapers to find out how the girls faired the night before. But as the winning continued, people began to drop the newspapers and decided

to check these games out live. Standing room only crowds were a common sight in the second half of the season. The Pirates ended their regular season record at 19-3.

This same enthusiasm was carried into the State Tournament. The Lady Pirates opened up the sectional by defeating Lake Station. Next in line was Gary Roosevelt. If ever there was a mismatch, it would have to be that game. Merrifullie outhustled, outsmarted, intimidated, and did just about every thing to Roosevelt except pay for their bus fare home.



#### HELLO INDY!

Next up was the regional which featured many of the area's top teams. Merilliville started off by bumping off Porter County Conference power, Hebron. That set the stage for the all-Duneland Conference showdown between Merilliville and LaPorte. This time it was for the right to represent Northern Indiana at the state tournament in Indianapolis. And for the second time in the season, the Pirates defeated LaPorte.

At the state finals Merrillville had to play Mishawka, the defending state champs. The girls fought Mishawaka all the way. They were constantly battling back from early deficits. But the honeymoon ended as Mishawaka prevailed.

Special congratulations to Coach Janis Qualizza for her fine job.

Girls receiving awards at the end of the season were MVP, Toni Miller, Mental attitude, Renee Franz, Best defensive player, Toni Miller, Best offensive player, Chris Dewell; Most improved, Sandy Manis.

The lady Pirates' state championship dreams were ended, and only the handshaking was left.







lst row: S. Manis, L. LaMarca, C. Vermillion, Coach Qualizza, 2nd row: B. Mecchia, C. DeWell, D. Carlson, 3rd row: P. Abel, R. Eldred, K. Huber, R. Franz, 4th row: J. Neff, T. Miller, J. Huckye.



Karen Huber displays the tough D of the regional championship team.



## Impressive at 13-7

1981 found Coach Joe Starkey completing his second year at the helm of the Junior Varsity volleyball squad. The team experienced a successful campaign while posting a 13-8 record. Key performers with bright varsity futures were Jennifer Duncan, Marilyn Gill, Jennifer Thompson and Diane Vermillion. The girls played well and showed tremendous improvement and enthusiasm throughout the season.

Diane Vermillion fires one over a Griffith frontliner's outstretched hands.

Shellie Cureton backpedals to setup Jennifer Duncan for a spike.





Jennifer Duncan ties the score at 3 with this spike.



Istrowi S. Kozak, M. Henrichs, L. Krupa, S. Cureton, K. Shultz, 2ndrowi G. Vergin, D. Frzaska, M. Gill, D. Vermillion, J. Duncan, T. Erwin, J. Thompson, Coach Starkey.

#### Pirates net 3 Crowns.

This years Varsity Basketball team set 4 goals for themselves. They included winning conference, the Holiday Tournament, the Sectional Title, and bettering last years record. With some clutch plays and lots of senior leadership, the Pirates accomplished every goal they set.

The season started off well as the Pirates squeezed by sectional rival Lake Central in overtime, 63-61. Then, after a tough road trip, Gary West side, Andrean, and Valaraiso invaded Pirate Country. They all fell prey to the big bad purple machine. The Andrean victory was the most satisfying victory of the three. They downed the 59ers by a score of 84-60.

After a couple of conference victories, the Pirates hosted eventual state runner up Gary Roosevelt. This game proved to be one of the most exciting games in the region this season. It was nip and tuck all of the way. Merrillville hung tough but came up 3 points short as Roosevelt won 58-55. The conference championship was won on the road. The Pirates defeated MCR and Portage on the road during a one week span. This enabled the Pirates to end with a 6-0 record in the conference, thus insuring them the championship.

The Holiday Tournament was a breeze as Merrillville cruised past Munster in the first round and then defeated Highland for the trophy.

When sectional time rolled around, this team was ready to go. After an easy victory over Lake Station in the first round, the Pirates faced Lake Central again. As usual it was a barnburner. But the Pirates gained a victory with a last second shot by Mike Meschede. The final score was 54-51.

Bill Meade rips down a board against Andrean.

In the championship game, Merrillville avenged an earlier loss to Crown Point trouncing them by a score of 86-68. Bill Meade led the barage with 35 points and 15 rehounds

But the season came to an end with region power ECR beating the Pirates 85-74. This put the teams final record at 16-8. This is something to be proud of in this the toughest basketball region in the state.

The team was led in rebounding by Bill Meade with 215 rebounds. Randy Ban picked the opponents pockets for 23 steals. Lenny Schmidt led the team in free throw percentages hitting 76%. Chuck Gans hit 60% from the field to lead the team in that category. Awards given at the banquet were: MVP-Bill Meade, Best Mental Attitude-Dave Patz.

## BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL

- 4	SCHEDULE	200
MHS		OPP
63	Lake Central	61 (01
53	Gary Wallace	56
47	South Bend Adams	52
51	Elkhart Central	58
51	Gary West Side	35
84	Andrean	60
61	Valparaiso	54
lst	Highland Tournamen	TO .
79	Hobart	42
55	Gary Roosevlet	58
72	Chesterton	68
80	Crown Point	85
85	La Porte	45
65	Munster	49
77	M.C. Rogers	73
61	Hammond Noll	62
73	Portage	64
67	Highland	46
70	M.C. Elston	71
Section	ial (	111
75	Lake Station	54
54	Lake Central	51
86	Crown Point	68
Region	al	
74	E.C. Roosevelt	74





Casey Carabine takes it down the lane on his way to two points.

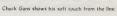
Bill Meade skys for two over state runnerup Roosev-



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Ist row. N. Bumbales, A. Canchola, X. Canchola, 2nd row. D. Metcalf, G. Guernsey, M. Meschede, C. Carrabine, R.

Chuck Gans shows his a
Ban, L. Schmidt, D. Patz. 3rd row. Coach Hankins, T. Tilmon, C. Gans, Coach East, B. Meade, J. Layman, Coach
Slys.





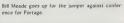


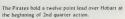


The Pirate team explodes after taking the Sectional Chuck Gans gets his piece of the Sectional net. crown.

Randy Ban shows his great enthusiasm for the game.











Jon Tilmon hammers the defensive boards in the Battle of Broadway.

Junior Lenny Schmidt peeps through the hole as teammate Casey Carrabine blocks the 59er attack.

Sophomore Mike Meschede eyes the hoop from the line.

















Ist row: B. Fox. J. Pienta, J. Howard, P. Lozanoski, K. Haupt, B. Jacic, S. Wilczynski. 2nd row: Coach Hankins, J. Kontor, D. Ott, M. Balas, D. Satka, M. Meade, K.C. Bell, D. Bennett.

#### JVers.

The up and coming varsity stars hit the boards and swished the nets for an ll and 9 record. Mike Meschede led the team to a 3-0 record and then was moved up to the varsity squad. The team took the Battle of Broadway by beating Andrean 43-36. They also slipped by Hammond with a score of 54-53. The Pirates averaged 46.4 points per game while holding their opponents to 44.6.

Leading the team in free throw percentage was Jeff Kontor with a 75%. He also led the team in scoring with a 15.3 average. Darryl Bennett led the team in rebounds with 117 rebounds. Jeff Howard gave out 34 assists to lead the team in that category.

Randy Ban goes up for the baby hook to face an opponent.

Sophomore KC Bell shoots from the charity stripe.



## Girls' hard work is repaid by 19-2 record.

The 1982 Girls' Basketball team posted a 17-1 regular season record. Some of the victories were very easy to remember. For example, the girls beat Griffith by sixty points and in doing so scored a remarkable seventy-nine points. They also played before a full house at Crown Point, stunning the ranked bulldogs. The girls wrapped up second place in conference play with a record of 5-1, the best of the school's history. One of the victories was against state runnerup Valparaiso. The school records the team accomplished were Best record, 19-23, Most wins in a sea-

GIRLS' VARSITY B-BALL SCHEDULE

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MHS		OPF
47/7	Morton	26
62	LaPorte	60
49	Bishop Noll	43
51	Highland	3
43	Andrean	3
38	Portage	4
45	Munster	33
62	M.C. Elston	48
43	Chesterton	42
50	Lake Central	25
42	Hobart	/ 28
45	Lake Station	43
53	Valpo	46
79	Griffith	19
46	Crown Point	38
49	Calumet	4
62	M.C. Rodgers	40
Section	onals	
58	Hobart	5
63	Lowell	43
35	Crown Point	45

son. (B), Best won-loss % in a season. (904), Most games won in a row. (14), Only team ever to be ranked, and last of all. a fifteen game win streak at home. The girls won their second Annual Lady Pirate Holliday Classic. They made it to the championship game of sectionals, but were beaten by Crown Point.

Many of the girls picked up individual awards. Sophomore Shari Moore was nominated to the Coaches All Sectional Team and was named in the Honorable Mention All Conference Team. Peggy Abel was also on the Honorable Mention All Conference Team, and she received an Honorable Mention for the Academic All State. Sandy Manis also received an Honorable Mention for the Academic All State. Sandy Manis also received an Honorable to the All Conference team. Toni Miller was named to the All Conference team and All Sectional team. She was also on the Hammond Times All Area team.

Chris Dewell starts a fast break by the opening tip.

Toni will be representing Merrill ville in the East-West All Star Game, along with teammate Chris Dewell. Chris was also named to the Coaches All Sectional. Academic All State and All Conference teams. She was named to the Post-Tribune All Area team. The Hammond Times named her Player of the Year.

Awards given at the sports banquet were Most Improved Player, Sandy Manis and Diana Carlson, Team Straitstical Leader (2nd year), Chris Dewell, Best Mental Attitude (2nd year), Becky Vertrees. The Statistical Leaders were also named at the banquet. They were C. Dewell, Field Goal Percentage—64%, Shari Moore, Free Throw Percentage—684%, C. Dewell, Eebound 229; T. Miller and C. Dewell, Steals—64, P. Abel and T. Miller, Assists—81, C. Dewell, Total Points—3ll.

Toni Miller adds to Merrillville's lead by hitting the rainbow lumper.





Ist row: D. Carlson, S. Moore, 2nd row: J. Neff, P. Abel, T. Miller, C. Dewell, Coach Vemillion, Coach Regan, C. Vermillion, S. Manis, R. Eldied, B. Vertrees,



Sophomore Shari Moore looks inside for a team mem-

Senior hustler Toni Miller wins possession of the ball by outjumping a Crown Point opponent.



### J.V. Girls Above 500

First year coach Jim Vermillion took his J.V. team to an above .500 record at 9-7. The girls beat such rivals as Andrean, Hobart, and they demolished Griffith by a score of 29-8.

In the statistical department, Diane Vermillion crashed the boards for 40 rebounds. She also led the team in points by scoring 168 points. Patty McNally dished out 31 assists and shot a blazing 6 from the line.

Coach Jim Vermillion enjoyed coaching the girls' team, while watching them show great improvement. The girls worked hard throughout the year, and their record showed it.

Jennifer Thompson of the Junior Varsity scores on her steal.









Sophomore Tracy Irwin nits one over a Valpo opponent.



Ist row, C. Glatz, M. Henrichs, P. McNally, L. Dian. 2nd row, J. Thompson, J. Lilly, D. Vermillion, Coach Vermillion, B. Boyd, J. Ducan, T. Irwin.

#### Boys swim to 3rd in State

The swim team swam to an 8-3 record in dual meets. The only defeats were to Munster. Valpo, and Bishop Noll. The pirates won the Hobart Invitational and placed 2nd at the North Central Relays. They were 3rd in both the Munster Relays and Merrillville Swim Festival. At their invitationals they set three meet records.

In post season action the Bucs took home the conference and sectional trophies. Then it was on to state where the medley relay consisting of Brad Moore, Jeff Lax, John Dyman, and Doug Lewan came back after a 12th place finish in the preliminaries to a 7th place in the finals. setting the tempo for the next event. In the 200 freestyle, Bob Beck captured the state title. He also came in 2nd in the 100 freestyle. Dave Pushka had an impressive win in the 200 medley which earned him the All American title; he then went on to finish 3rd in the 100 backstroke. Brad Moore, also competing in the backstroke, received a 12th. The fearsome foursome consisting of Brad Moore, Eric Dornburg, Dave Pushka, and Bob Beck swam to a coveted 3rd place. The total team effort earned them an impressive 3rd place overall in state.

The team had five conference and four sectional records. They also hold nine of eleven school records. Individual school records set by Bob Beck were 50, IOO, 200, and 500 free style. Dave Pushka set school records in the 200 Individual Medley, IOO fly, and the IOO backstroke.

Awards given at the sports banquet were: MVP—Dave Pushka, Mental attitude—Bob Beck, Most improved—George Marks, Savage Swimmer Award—John Dyman.

Dave Pushka, Jeff Lax, John Dyman, and Bob Beck earned all Conference honors. Swimmers named to the All-American team were Brad Moore, Eric Dornburg, Dave Pushka, and Bob Beck.

Bob Beck takes a break after winning the state 200 freestyle.

#### BOYS VARSITY SWIMMING SCHEDULE

MHS	OPP
W	Chesterton
Ist	Hobart Invitational
W	Hobart
3rd	Munster Invitational
W	Portage
W	Lake Central
W	Crown Point
Lawre	Munster
3rd	Swim Fest
L	Valpo
W	LaPorte
W	Rogers
2nd	North Central Invit.
L	Bishop Noll
İst	Conference
W	Highland
lst	Sectionals
3rd	State



Nick Seibel takes an early lead in the IOO butterfly.

Dan Maluga prepares for the IOO freestyle. Alan Vasquez takes flight in hopes of a perfect dive.

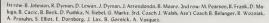














3 Merrillville swimmers swim their preliminary laps.

Andy Prasuhn gets encouraging words from assistant coach Belanger.

#### Boys finish 4th in state

The 1981-82 wrestling team posted an 8-2 record and ended up sending 3 wrestlers to state. The boys didn't see a loss until their 7th meet against M.C. Rogers. They beat such foes as Crown Point and Andrean and finished out the regular season by slipping by Duneland contender Valpo.

In tourney action the Pirates were runners-up in their own invitational. Also, they placed 4th and 5th respectively in the Mooresville Inv't and Duneland Conference Tourney. The Pirates traveled to the Culver Invitational for a long Saturday, but it was worth it when they brought home the championship trophy.

In Post Season Play, the Pirates spent back-to-back weekends at Crown Point, finishing 1st in Sectionals and 2nd in Re-

Tommy Doubrowski used a front headlock to get the comeback victory





Freshman Jay Mack goes for victory number 24.

gionals. Then it was back home for Semi-State where the Pirates placed 5th. The team was represented by Dave Woodward (25-IO), Scott Mundell (23-7), and Scott Plesha (29-6) in state tournament. The 3 boys' efforts was good enough to place 4th in state, with Scott Plesha leading them by placing 2nd.

Awards given at the banquet were Most Takedowns, Jay Mack; Most Falls, Brian Bardeson (10); Outstanding Academic Achievement, Joe Michaels: Most Improved, Brian Stevens: Most Valuable. Scott Plesha: Best Mental Attitude, Scott Mundell. Another outstanding achievement was by Jay Mack (25-5-1) who was named to the Duneland Conference Team.

Scott Plesha placed 2nd in state.

Dave Woodward looks for the pin.







Back row: Coach Bratcher, Caoch Hurey, K. Petroff, S. Plesha, D. Woodward, S. Walker, D. Cochran. 2nd row: B Stevens, J. Mack. S. Mundell, P. Porter, C. Tully. T. Doubrowsky, Coach Cameron. Ist row: B. Bardeson, J. Michaels, D. Mriscin, W. Cruz, S. Hipp.

#### BOYS' VARSITY WRESTLING SCHEDULE

		OPP
66	Gary Wirt	IC
38	Crown Point	22
39	Highland	22
43	LaPorte	22
42	Portage	20
63	Andrean	9
25	M.C. Rogers	38
28	Chesterton	30
32	Hobart	25
28	Valparaiso	25
2nd	Merrillville	
	Inv't	
4th	Mooresville	
	lnv't	
5th	Conference	
lst	Culver Inv't	
lst	Sectionals	
2nd	Regionals	
5th	Semi-state	
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	39 43 42 63 25 28 32 28 2nd 4th 5th lst lst 2nd 5th	66 Gary Wirt 38 Crown Point 39 Highland 43 LaPorte 40 Portage 63 Andrean 25 M.C. Rogers 28 Chesterton 10 Hobart 28 Valparaiso Merrillville Inv't 4th Mooresville Inv't 5th Conference Ist Culver Inv't Ist Sectionals 2nd Regionals 5th Semi-state







Scott Mundell eyes the ref for the beginning of the semi-state match.



Scott Plesha's determination helped him past a 29-6 record.



Senior Scott Plesha uses an ankle pick to flatten his opponent.

Scott Mundell blocks a take down of an opponent.

#### Gymnasts Barely Miss State Title!

Every year the MHS gymnastics team gives their school an exceptionally successful season, and this year was no different. Not only did they break 7 out of 12 school records, they were rated #li in the state through the entire season. The team, led by outstanding senior optional leaders Laura Wozniak and Lynne Shearin, had a number of firsts this year. An individual accomplishment attained by Laura was her ist place on the uneven bars at the State Championship Meet. The hard team work and enormous individual talent of all the members led to the lettering of all 15 team members.

In the conference, Merrillville placed first, taking a of 5 lst places. Senior Laura Wozniak was named Most Valuable Gymnast in the Conference. Also, Lynne Shearin and Sarah McAnally were named to the All-Conference team. The team finished lst in Sectionals for the 6th straight year. Leading the way was Sarah McAnally with 2 firsts. The team went on to win their 3rd straight Regional. Lynne Shearin received a lst on floor, and Shelly Andrews also received a lst on thear also received a lst on thear

The team went down state and barely missed a state championship, finishing second to Perry Meridian. Laura Wozniak won the uneven bars at state and Sarah McAnally finished fourth.

The intermediate team finished with an II-2 record. Joanna Lear captured two firsts at sectionals and one first at regionals. Michelle Dzyacky qualified for regionals and went on to state. Corinne kierzkowski received a third at sectionals. At state Joanna finished second and Michelle eighth.

Individual awards given at the banquet were highest team point scorer and most valuable optional gymnast, Laura Wozniak, highest team point scorer and most valuable intermediate gymnast, Joanna Lear, most improved, Suzie Morris, best mental attitude—second year in a row, Shelley Andrews, drive, determination, and dedication went to Shelley Andrews and to Laura Wozniak for the second year in a row, virtousity award, Lynne Shearin, a row, virtousity award, Lynne Shearin,



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Sophomore Shelly Andrews shows perfect form as she glides through her bar routine.

Senior Laura Wozniak calmly goes through her dance work on beam.

Sophomore Kendra DeCheske sticks the landing of her handspring vault.







Joanna Lear comes home after her fabulous performance at state.

Senior Lynne Shearin shows her flair on floor.





Sophomore Sarah McAnally concentrates while performing her beam routine.





Ist row. M. Dzyacky, D. Darkins, 2nd row. M. Harvey, N. Gress, S. McAnally, S. Norris, 3rd row. S. Eberle, P. Ornelas, L. Evans, K. DeCheske, J. Lear, S. Andrews, 4th row. Head Coach Diane Roberts, L. Wozniak, L. Shearin, C. Kierskowski, Asst, Coach Bill Roberts,

#### Track team posts 7-1 record in dual meets

The boys' track team was led by an allstar cast of seniors. The seniors helped give Coach Armantrout one of the best seasons of his coaching career. They had a record of seven wins to one defeat in dual meets.

In relay meets the team won the Hobart Little Five and the Chesterton Relays. They finished second in the Delphi Relays and the Griffith Relays. Larry Judge received a first in the shot put at each invitational, setting a meet record at three of the four. Scott Plesha sprinted to three firsts, two as part of a relay and one individually. Chuck Gans won two firsts as

part of a relay and high jumped to another. Mike Anderson was also part of the relay which won twice.

The team swiped conference for the first time in Merrillville's history. The team was well represented in both field and running events. Larry Judge, Mike Judge, and Bill Meade received first in field events. The 400 meter relay and the 1600 meter relay received first in running events.

In post season play the Pirates were runners up in the toughest sectional in the state. The team then received enough points to place them fourth at regionals. Chuck Gans, Larry Judge, and Scott Plesha placed high in sectional and regional action and qualified for state. Meanwhile, Mike Judge was throwing the shot to high sectional and regional placings, and at the state meet Mike received Merrillville's top honor, a third place. The points the four state participants gathered finished Merrillville at 26th place.

Awards given at the Spring Banquet were Best Mental Attitude-Scott Plesha. Most Valuable Player-Scott Plesha, Also, Larry Judge received congratulation for being named Most Valuable at the Noll and Griffith Relays.

Chuck Gans and Mike Anderson turn the corner at the "Hohart Little Five "

Brian Curcio hurdles his last hurdle before hitting the home stretch







Ron Hobrook and Larry Oliver continue their pursuit on the lead runner.





Jeff Haybryck gives it all he's got on his throw.

Ron Carter takes the second hurdle in stride.





Manchester College bound football-track man Ken Petroff awaits the handoff.



Ist row. C. Miller, P. Comerford, S. Elliot, D. Steineger, J. Yakubec, J. Potts. 2nd row. D. Gladdis, R. Carter, J. Snemis, F. Martinez, B. Benjamin, L. Oliver, 3rd row. D. Knop, S. Plesha, W. Morris, M. Anderson, S. Semper, L. Voyles. 4th row. D. Kierkoski, K. Petroff, D. Roshowski, R. Holbrook, B. Curcio, M. Dimitri, C. Tully. 5th row. F. Burke, M. Judge, L. Judge, C. Gans, B. Meade, M. Meade, M. Geary, D. Barnes, J. Habyrch.

## A record setting season

Coach Moody expected great things from his 1982 girls' track team. Unfortunately, Sherri Modrak, the 1981 5th place finisher in state was sidelined with an injury. The team, however, did not fold, They won their first 6 meets, 2 of which were triangulars. The girls beat 4 out of 6 conference teams in regular season play. In the conference meet, the team was led by Michelle Dzacky, who won the 100 meter hurdles and high jump. Janet Harwig won the 400 meter race, and the team finished 2nd.

The girls were now ready for postseason play. At sectionals, Michelle Dzacky won the high jump, which was something she did in every meet. She had added help from Robin Wade, Becky Remley, and Chris Rettig, all of whom advanced to Regionals. The girls' strong showing at sectionals earned them a 2nd place finish. The next week's showing at Regionals was

The longjumper gets ready to set a new record.

Mandy Leposki gets ready to hand the baton over to her teammate.



good enough for a 10th place finish.

The girls received many honors, Michelle Dzacky eventually won state and was named to the All-American squad. She holds the school record in the high jump with 5'10". She also placed well in the long jump and hurdles all through the year. As coach Moody put it, "she was one of the best in the country and definitely MVP of our team." Robin Wade also picked up a school record in the discus at 120'10"

Awards given at the banquet were MVP-Michelle Dzacky; Best Mental Attitude-Becky Remly; Most Points in Running Events-Becky Remly: Most Points in Field Events-Michelle Dzacky.

How does the future look? 24 of the 33 teammates were underclassmen, and their overall record for this year was 15-4.





#### GIRLS' TRACK SCHEDULE MHS OPP 67 Portage 38 63 Chesterton 80 Lake Station 30 44 Lake Central 30 58 Munster 47 31 LaPorte 74 73 M.C. Rogers 561/2 Griffith 35 Calumet 421/2 58 Hobart 47 46 Valpo 59 62 Highland 26 Wirt 46 2nd Conference 48 West Side

Sectional

Regional

2nd

10th



The lady Pirate takes preliminaries before the actual



The hurdles were no problem for this team member.

One of the team members is in easy control of lst place.



Becky Remley gives it her all as she approaches the finish line.

Michelle Dzacky pulls out in front of the competition in the 100 m hurdles.









A highjumper makes it over the bar with ease

#### Girls swing to 7 wins

This year's girls' tennis team hit the courts with their best start in over four years. There were six returning letter persons to lead the squad in experience.

The team recovered well from their first loss to Crown Point by having six consecutive victories after that. Some of their best victories were over Lowell, Griffith, Wheeler, and Lake Station. After all these wins, the lady Pirates' opponents got tougher. There were some fine performances but no victories for awhile. The girls, howver, did end up the season with a

Karen Mathis gets set for her first serve of the match.

win against M.C. Rogers.

The team had some outstanding players with best records. Juniors-Lana Pantelic was II-3 in #5 singles and Caroline Guip was II-5 in #1 singles. Also, in #2 doubles. Jill Pennock and Amy Absher were outstanding. The underclassmen make the squad very promising for next year.

The awards presented at the banquet were Best Mental Attitude-Jill Pennock, Most Improved-Liz Christoff; Best Record-Lana Pantelic; MVP-Caroline

Jill Pennock shows her gracefull serving.





Istrow, L. Pantelic, C. Guip, P. Abel, K. Palvas, N. Yonker, S. Long, 2nd row; J. Pennock, D. Darkins, L. Christoff, A. Absher, K. Mathis, P. Sawochka, Coach Joe Ameling,

Amy Absher returns the tap over the net.



	Girls' Tennis Schedule	
MHS		OPP
0	Crown Point	7.
6 4 6	Lowell	_ [
4	Lake Central	3
6	Griffith	F
7	Wheeler	0
7 5 6	Hammond Gavit	2
	Lake Station	1
0	LaPorte	7
0	Valpo	7
0	Munster	7
3	Portage	4
3	Highland	. 4
1	Chesterton	6
3	Calumet	4
3	Hobart	4
5	M.C. Rogers	2

Peggy Abel pulls her backhand to win the match. Junior Sue Long serves an ace.











Senior Liz Christoff takes a few warm up volleys before the match.

Junior Karyn Palvas returns the deep corner shot.

#### "Rough" Season

The beauty of Summertree Golf Course eased some of the struggles this year's golf team had. They started off with a win over Griffith, but then lost 4 in a row. Their next win was against Chesterton. The Pirates then fell short to the "Battle of Broadway" foe, Andrean. They also outstroked Crown Point with a 181-189 score. In the triangular match, the Pirates beat both Chesterton and Lake Central.

Next year's team will miss four senior regulars-Gary Manis, Larry Tetzloff. Scott Seibal, and Steve Tsangaris.

Awards given at the banquet were: Most Valuable Medalists Award-Larry Tetzloff; Most Improved-Mike Meschede; Best Mental Attitude-Scott Seibal and Steve Tsangaris.

Scott Seibal finds himself four feet away after a brillant chip shot.

	BOYS' GOLF SCHED	ULE	
MHS		OPP	
186	Griffith	187	
174	Valparaiso	155	
174	M.C. Elston	168	
179	Portage	167	
181	LaPorte	172	
169	Chesterton	172	
188	Andrean	175	
174	M.C. Rogers	166	
lOth	Rensselaer Central		
190	Hobart	173	
181	Crown Point	189	
4th	Highland Invitation	al	
12th Homestead Invitational			
162	Valparaiso	143	
163	Portage	150	
168	Hobart	166	
169	LaPorte	157	
160	Chesterton		
	L. Central	al 162-171	
174	M.C. Rogers	171	
IOth.	Sectionals		





Ist row: Steve Ramusack, Eugene Vignolo. 2nd row: Gary Manis, Mike Meschede, Coach Hutchison, Larry Tetzloff, Scott Seibal, Steve Tsangaris.









Steve Ramusack puts the finishing touches on hole #17.

Eugene Vignolo needs the 6 foot putt to stay in contention.



Steve Tsangaris studies the break of the green before putting his birdie attempt.

Mike Meschede cyes the fairway as all competitors warm up.

#### Merrillville Pirates swing into action

The Merrillville Pirates Baseball Team finished the season with a 21-9 record. The Pirates finished the Duneland Conference season in third place with a 6-6 mark, behind conference champion Chesterton and runner-up Portage. This year's team believed in a team concept. There were no superstars: every team member contributed his part to aid the team. The outlook at the beginning of the year was optimistic. The 1982 Pirates had four of their top five hitters returning; Seniors: Mike "Mouse" Janovick, Paul French, Greg Kerulis, and Howard Smith. Those seniors once again hit above .300 and were joined this year by senior Joe Hein and juniors Pete Nonos, Steve Smith and John Sobieraiski. Howard Smith led the Pirates with seven homers and Greg Kerulis had five. At the beginning of the year, everyone said that the Pirate's pitching staff would be slim. But the Pirates pitchers proved the experts wrong. With Johnson, the Pirates staff turned out to be one of the strongest and deepest in the area. Seniors Roger Briggs and Mike Janovich had five victories apiece. Senior Brad Jurasevich had spurts of greatness and compiled four wins, Junior Mark Qualizza and Nick Bumbales have become fixtures in the Pirate pitching staff and bring optimism for the future.

The Pirates went to the Lake Station Sectional game to sweep the victory from Lake Station, Merrillvilles' final chances were swept away in the 9th inning, however, as Andrean beat them. They ended up with a 22-10 record.





Paul French finally gets some outfield action.



Brad Jurasevich gives it all he's got





Miller and Guererro show their "G.Q. Look"

Front row: S. Jenks, R. Zolchak, J. Pienta, C. Rose, J. Howard, Mgr. G. Conn 2nd. row: E. Purkar, R. Govert, E. Rolfe, L. Spiru, J. Zajac, Last row. Ass. Coach T. Vucko, C. Kosac, T. D'Asto, D. Yiankees, T. Reise, S. Wilczynski, Coach J. Klerzikowski







Front row: Mgr. Conn. Smith, Miller, Guerrero, Bumbales, Hein. Mgr. Schoefeld 2nd row: Smith. Qualizza, Sobierajski, Briggs, Guernsey, Haupt Last row: Coach Metcalf, Nonos, Janovick, French, Bardeson, Kerulis, Ass. Coach Johnson

#### Howard Smith waits for his pitch.

Coach Metcalf and Guernsey talk over tactics.







Mike "Mouse" Janovick gives a look of anxiety.

# Demaree field hosts soccer

The Pirate's soccer team gained some new territory as they moved into Demaree field for night games. To begin their season, the Pirates swept Hammond clean as they beat Hammond High, Hammond Clark, and Hammond Morton. They later picked up Hammond Bishop Noll in an 8-0 smash. The Pirates finished their season at 7-6-1.

The Pirates up-and-coming future looks bright as all awards at the banquet were given to underclassmen. They were Most Improved—Scott Beamon, Leading Scorer—Branko Jocic, Best Mental Attitude—Alex Pantelici, Most Valuable Player—Mike Sakaleros.



Rade Petrovich gets the ball in scoring position.



Bob Cacovski uses fancy footwork to elude his defender.

Merrillville offense is on the go as the pirates move up the field.







Ist row. M. Stanborough, S. Mick, B. Gasich, M. Pearson, G. Mavros, S. Beamon, T. Soulounias, 2nd row. D. Olivadoti, R. Petrovich, T. Popadopalos, P. Lozanski, G. Harms, E. Kostur: 3rd row. B. Caccueski, M. Podor, D. C. M. Sakleros, M. Bianco, R. Cucuz: 4th row. Asst. Coach—Milke Stoljc, Head Coach—Drew Furuness, Manager, M. P. Petroys, C. Dimos, B. Jocic, A. Pantelic.

Karen Huber lets go a strike right down the middle.



The throw from shortstop easily beats the runner at







Ist row: L. Wardell, B. Vertrees, L. Mack, A. Berndt, J. Fratzke. 2nd row: C. Vermillion, C. Marson, S. Manis, K. Huber, 3rd row: P. McNally, K. Hicks, S. Moore, 4th row: D. Traska, J. Kabacki, Coach Starky, J. Pierce.

#### Girls expand their record

The 2nd year girls' softball team came out hitting and pitching to a 12 and 5 record. With the expanded schedule in effect, the team beat such teams as Bloom Trail, and swept 2 double headers from Rich East and South Bend St. Joe. They also beat conference foe Portage and M.C. Rogers twice. Then in the game of the century, Merrillville crushed M.C. Marquette 35-15.

Karen Huber led the team statistically in 2 major categories by winning 6 games as the pitcher and by batting .464. However, 4 other girls added outstanding averages, too. They were Kathy Hicks-...429, Cheri Vermillion-.408, Andrea Berndt-.388, and Sandy Manis -. 362. Senior co-captian Andrea Berndt also led the team with 22 RBI's. Sophomore Debbie Traszka pitched the team to 5 victories.

At the spring banquet awards were given to the outstanding players. They were MVP-Karen Huber; Most Improved-Cheri Vermillion and Sandy Manis, Best Mental Attitude-Andrea Berndt.

Sandy Manis winds up for a homerun blast.

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G	IRLS' SOFTBALL SCHEDUL	6
MHS	1	OPP
3	Bloom Trail	1 2
12	S. Bend Washington	13
4	T.F. North	5
10	Rich East	2
II	Rich East	10
H	M.C. Marquette	4
10	M.C. Rogers	2
13	S.B. St. Joe	3
9	S.B. St. Joe	0
16	Portage	6
2	Mishawaka	9
10	Concord	7
2	Concord	3
35	M.C. Marquette	15
3/	Lockport	12
	M.C. Rogers	6
6	Portage	- 1

# **PEOPLE**

In search of ... "ourselves"

Through becoming one with ourselves, we recognize those that came, those that went, those that led.

Charles Constant



Mindy Albach and Jarvis Peddicaord find time to socialize in Spanish class.



Junior Michelle Dzyacky shares a joke with Mark Dimitri in Algebra class.

Shelly Whittler and Susie Toigo show their spirit during spirit week by dressing up.





Andrea Berndt dazzles the crowd during halftime activities.

Larry Maginot demonstrates to the rest of the senior class officers how it's done.



PEGGY ABEL. Volleyball 9, IO. II. 12; Basketball 9, IO. II. 12; Tennis IO, II. 12; DIANE ADAMS; RONALD ADAMS. Band 9, IO. II. 12; Nat'l Honor Society 12; TRACY AHLBORN:

JOHN AKERS: MELINDA ALBACH. Choir 9, Powder puff IO, Student Council IO, WALLY ALEKSIC: RAY ALTMAN:

KEITH ALTOP. JOHN AMATULLI.
Cross country 9, Newspaper II. Editor.
12, Ouill and Scrott III, Nat'l Honor Leocery ID. Wild Man's Club ID, MIKE ANDESGON, Foothall 9, BI, ID-Co-Cap't ID,
Basketball 9, IO, Track 9, IO, III, ID, Wrestling III. 12, Baseball 9, Prom Court.
ANDY ANTOLICK, French Club IO, III,
12, Nat'l Honor Society III, ID, Powder
Puff III, ID,

CHERYL ARTS. Band 9, Powder Puff IO, II, 12, Choir IO, III, 12, MIKE ARTZ. Football 9, Track 9, IO, Choir 9, MARY BA-BILLA. Choir 9, IO, II, 12, Wild Man's Club II, 12, FEA II, 12, JEFFREY BALAS:

BONNIE BALDWIN, French Club IO, II.
Z. Quest Club ID, SILE BALLUCH, RANDY BAN, Football 9, IO, Baseball 9, Baskegball 9, IO, III, 12, Student Council II, II.
Nat'l Honor Society III, I2, Span-Club
Treas, I2, Wild Man's Club I2, Yearbook
I2, BELINDA BARKASI. Band 9, IO, III,
Student Council IO, Pom Pons I2, Yearbook I2,



#### In Search Of ...

Last September, when the class of 1982 entered Merrillville High School to start the new school year as seniors, many did not really know what to expect. A new and different year was ahead, even though the faces and the surroundings were the same. How did it feel to finally be a senior, the ones in charge of MHS? The class of \$250 cml at they could lead the way, but

authority is only a small part in a senior's life. What are Merrillville High School seniors in search of?

The carefree times of being a sophomore and junior have long passed by. Reality has come into focus. "What am I going to do after graduation?" is the question that wanders through all seniors' minds at one time or another. This commiss as to not time or another.

plex question leads seniors to search for certain things such as freedom, responsibility, success, respect, and maturity. But the biggest wish by far that one could hope for is happiness. All of these goals will combine to make a senior's future something to strive for; something to look forward to. Good luck and best wishes for the class of 1982.









DAN BARNES. Track 9, IO, II, I2; Cross country I2; Band 9; DAVID BARNES, Band 9, IO, II, I2; Cross Country II, I2; Track 9, IO, I2; KATHY BARRETT, FEA IO, III, French Chib III.

JENNIFER BARTOLOMEI, Pom Pons IO, II, 12, Powder Puff II, French Club II, PAUL BASILE, GAIL BATEMAN. Choir 9, IO, II, I2, Powder Puff IO, JAMES BEN-CIE;

PAUL BERES: ANDREA BERNDT. Pom Pons II, Co-Cap't 12, Powder Puff 10, , 12, Softball II, 12, MIKE BIANCO, Football 9, Newspaper 9, Choir 9, 10, 11, 12, Wrestling 10, Soccer , 12, Speech and Debate II, Cap't 12, Science Club Pres. II, V. Pres. 12, JEANNE BICKLE, FHA II, 12,







































MICHELLE BONICH, Cheerleading 9, IO, II, 12; Choir 9; KIMBERLY BOOK:

#### Senior year

In the beginning we were just a few hundred sophomores whose only common factor was a new school. As we come to our final year, we can better understand the unique kind of closeness the class of 1982 shares. By having to tackle classes such as Geometry, Physics, or Advanced Comp., we have learned to adjust to the life and its atmosphere here at MHS. By sharing in the many activities-sports events, dances, assemblies, pep sessions-we have taken part in victories and defeats; we have experienced many personal friendships and breakups. As we come to the end of our third year, we can reflect on the experiences we have had and how each of them brings us closer to the maturity that lies ahead of us. Life at Merrillville High School ends, but an entirely new beginning awaits the class of 1982.

The leaders of the senior class: Darren McCloud-Treas., Debbie Neal-Sec., Larry Maginot-V. Pres.,













ROGER BRIGGS, Track 9, Baseball 9, 10, II, 12, LINDA BRIZENDINE, Volleyball 9, IO, II, French Club IO, Sec. II, Historian 12, FEA IO, Sec. and Treas. II, V. Pres. 12, Student Council II, Sec. 12, Nat'l Honor Society II, 12, Wild Man's Club II, 12, Choir 9

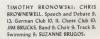


Jerry Pearman-Pres.

















JILL BUCKLEY: TY BURGE, GREGG BURKE, Football 9, Track 9, 10, Student Council 9, RUSSELL BURKE:

SHEILA CAPPS. Volleyball 91 FHA V. Pres. II, Pres. 121 KAREN CAPUSAN. Choir 9, IQ, III, 121 NICHOLAS CAR-DARAS. Track 91 Choir 91 Thespian I21 German Club III, I21 LORA CARICH. Choir 91

DAVID CARLSON. Football 9, Track 9, RONALD CARTER. Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12, Track 9, 10, 11, 12, Track 9, 10, 11, 12, GREGG CATCHUR. Spanish Club 10, 11, 12, Speech and Debate 11, 12, Student Council 12, SIMO CEKO. Football 9, Basketball 9, Track 9, 10, Tennis 11, 12, Soccer 11, 12, Student Council 9,

ED CELORIO. FEA 10, Pres. II, MARY CHAMP. RICHARD CHAROCHAK. MARY CHETNIK. Choir 9, 10, II, Powder Puff 10, II, 12, Spanish Club II, 12, Yearbook 12.

SUSAN CHEW. OEA 12, KENT CHIS-MUDY: ELIZABETH CHRISTOFF. Cheerleading 9: Tennis 10, II, 12, Powder Purl 10, French Club 10, 12, V. Preslis Student Council II, 12, Wild Man's Club 12, Newspaper 12, McLib II, Co-Chairman 12, Nat'l Honor Society, II, Treas, 12, JOHN CHRISTOS, Chess Club 9, 10, II, 12, German Club 12, Nat'l Honor Society II, 12,





JAMES CIESIELSKI; WALTER CIMBAL-JEVICH, Track 9, IO, Wrestling 9, IO, JIM COADY, Basketball 9, Football 9, Nat'l Honor Society 12, PAUL CO-LLAROS, Football 9, Track 9,

ELAINE COLLINS: CLAUD CONLEY: TODD CONRAD: WALTER CORIA:

ROBERT COVACIU. Football 9, BENT-LEY CRAIG, Football 9, NO, II, 12, Bassketball 9, Wrestling IO, Baseball 9, IO, Student Council III, 12, ROSEMARY CRAIG. Newspaper 9, IO, II, Editor 9, Spanish Club IO, II, MICHAEL CROARKIN. Chess Club 9, 12.

PAM CROWDER. Choir 9, 10, 11, 12: ALAN CROZIER. Wrestling 9, 10, 11, KIM CRUMPTON: RAY CUCUZ, Soccer 9, 10, II, 12,

SHARON DANIEL. Spanish Club IO. II.
12). Nat'l Honor Society III. Sec. 12.
5 peech and Debate III. Wild Man's Club
12. DAWN DARKINS. Choir 9, Tennis IO.
11. 12. Powder Puff IO. Wild Man's Club
III. 12. Student Council IO. III. 12. FEA 9, IO.
III. CONNIE DARNELL. MARTIN DAWSON, Football 9, IO. Wrestling 9.

SCOTT DE CHESKE, Football 9; JEFF DE FOOR, Diving 9, Swimming 10, DAVID DEGARD, Swimming 9, IO, Golf 9, Choir 9, German Club II, I2, THERESA DEMO:

SHEILA DE ST. JEAN, Volleyball 9; Powder Puff IO, Wild Man's Club II, 12, Yearbook 12; CHRIS DE WELL. Basketball 9. 10, II, 12, Volleyball 12, JANIS DEYOT. Choir 9, 10, Velveteens II, Vocalteens 12, FEA 12, DANIELLE DICKSON, FHA II,



CHRIS DIMOS, Football 9, IO, II, Student Council 9, 12, Spanish Club IO, II, Soccer 10, II, 12; Wrestling 9; M-Club 12; Wild Man's Club 12:

DOREEN DONLEY: GEORGE DOOLIN. Football 9, IO, II, I2; Track 9, IO, M-Club II, 12: Prom King: DEBBIE DORULLA. Cheerleading 9, Powder Puff 10, II, 12, DENISE DUDAK, Choir 9, Powder Puff 10, II: Tennis IO: Pom Pons I2: Homecoming Queen,































MARK DUJMOVICH, Football 9, IO, II, I2, KATY DUMLER:

### MHS Journey

As you looked out the school bus window, The sun began to rise. The journey began at the High School doors.

And there was a big surprise.

No one was able to hold your hand And help you through the day. Getting lost was so confusing, But at last, you found the way.

Soaking up the golden rays, As the school days passed on to The fun, the joy, the laughter When the sun shined brightly through.

But now the journey is ending. The sun is beginning to set. All these days are over. Times we will never forget.

A new beginning will come again, The sun will rise once more. What will the future bring to us As we open a new door?

The senior class shows their spirit while working on their float.













CHRISTIAN DEVALL, JOHN DYMAN, Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12,



















BONNIE ELEA: TODD ENSALACO: ME-LISSA EUBANK: DANIEL EVANS. Choir 9, IO, V. Pres. II, Pres. I2, Thespians IO. II, I2, Track 9, Cross Country 9, IO,

MIKE EVANYO. Football 9, 10, 11, 12, Basketball 9, Baseball 9, Track 9, 10, Diving 10, MARTHA EVDOKIOU. Powder Puff 10, Spanish Club II. 12, DELIA FARIAS, MARYBETH FEDORCHAK;

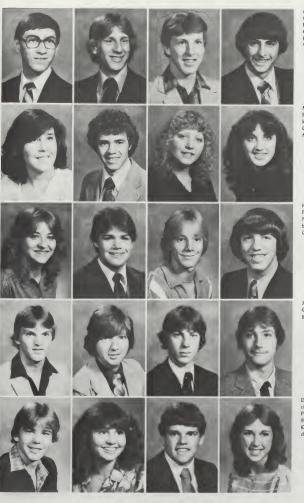
LAURIE FEDUCCIA: CAROL FERKULL; LINDA FETKAVICH. Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; JENNIFER FINDLEY. Pep Club 10;

DAWN FLAUDING, Volleyball 9, Diving II, Thespians IO, II, 12, Choir III, 12, KIM FOOR. Band 9, IO, French Club III Wild Man's Club 12, TRACY FORSYTHE, Student Council IO, Powder Puff IO, DIANA FOX. Volleyball 9, Basketball 9, Powder Puff IO, II, 12,

LISSETTE FRANCO: RICH FRANK, Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12, JAMES FRATZKE, Baseball 9, 10, Basketball 9, 10, Cross Country 9, Choir 9, PAUL FRENCH, Football 9, 10, 11, 12, Student Council Pres. 9,

SHAWN FREY, Quest Club 12, SANDY FUGETT, Choir 9, THEODORA GA-GIANAS, DIANE GALLAGHER, Newspaper Editor 9, Student Council 9, Science Club lo, Powder Puff II. 12, Spanish Club II. 12, FEA 12, Cross Country 12,





ANTHONY GALOOZIS. Band 9; Spanish Club 12; Spanish Nat'l Hon. Soc. 12; PHIL GALOOZIS. Soccor 10; CHARLES GLIBOTA: ROBBIE GOAD. Soccor 9; 10; II, 12; Cross Country 9; M-Club II, 12; Wild Man's Club 12; SCOTT GARRARD;

MARY GAWRYSIAK. Band 9, IO, II, I2, Flags IO, II, I2; Spanish Club II, I2; Basketball 9; Powder Puff I2; ROBERT GEARY; LAURIE GEISEN: TAMMY GEMEINHART:

HELEN GEORGANTAS: JEFFERY GIFFORD. Choir 9, IO, II, I2, German Club II, Nat'l Honor Soc., I2, Speech and Debate I2, ROBERT GIBBERT; ROGER GILL. Chess Club 9, Band 9,

JOHN GIORDANO: MIKE GLATZ; JOE GLIBOTA: ROBBIE GOAD, Soccor 9, 10, II, 12;

DALE GOUCH, JAN GOUGH, Gymnastics 9, IQ, Cheerleading IO, III, CHRISTO-PHER GOVERT, Football 9, IQ, Baseball 9, Track 9, NANCY GRABEK, Pom Pons IO, III, I2; Cheerleading 9, Choir 9, Student Council 9, JAMES GRAHAM, Football 9, 10, 11; Swimming 9, 10, M-Club II, SUSAN GRANT, Choir 9, IO, Basketball 9, Volleyball 9, 10, Velveteens II, Vocalteens 12, FEA V. Pres. II, Pres. 12, MARY GRIF-FIN: DAVID GRUBER. Thespians IO, II. 12, Choir IO, II, 12, Vocalteens II, 12,

DOLORES GUARDIOLA; DAN GURGE-VICH: LORI GUST, RANDALL GUTHRIE:

BONNIE GUTJAHR, Nat'l Honor Society 12: JEFFERY HABRYCH, Track 9, 10, II. 12: Football 9, 10: Band 9: Spanish Club 11, 12, JULIE HACKER, TAMMY HAMP-

Nat'l Hon. Soc. 12, Spanish Club 12,























## Half Day Seniors

When you were a sophomore sitting in your fourth hour class and you saw the half day seniors going to their lockers to get their things and get ready to go home, you thought, "I can't wait until I'm a senior so I can leave during the middle of the day." Well, that day is finally here. Every senior is elegible to go a half day, which most of them take advantage of. They get a ride home with a friend.

Some friends go get a bite to eat to satisfy a "Big Mac Attack" at McDonalds, Sliders at White Castle, Bunch-a-Lunch at Shakey's, or even burritos and a "Big Gulp" to go at 7-II.

A lot of addicted soap opera fans go home and get caught up on the latest episodes of "All My Children," "One Life to Live," and "General Hospital." But, the majority of half day seniors go to their jobs.

Earning money for college is the number one financial burden for most seniors who are looking forward to the future years of education. Some of the loose change goes for nights out on the town with friends, dates with that special someone, or the everyday financial burdens of a senior's life.

Half Day seniors leave early with a smile.





KAREN HARKER: GLENN HARMS; GENA HARRIMAN, Track 9, IO, Cross Country II, Choir 9, IO, French Club IO, II, M-Club II, 12, Wild Man's Club II, 12, JANET HARTWIG, Choir 9, IO, II, 12, Velveteens II, Vocalteens I2, Newspaper 9, German Club IO, II, Sec. 12, Nat'l Honor Society II, 12, Cross Country IO, II, 12, Track 9, IO, II, 13, M-Club II, 12, II, 12, Track 9, IO, II, 13, M-Club II, 12,

JANET HARVEY, Basketball 9; CAS-SANDRA HATHAWAY; DIANE HAYES, Band 9; IO, II, I2, Nat'l Honor Society II, I2; SHARON HEFTY, Choir, FHA IO, I2; Sunshine Soc. II, I2, FEA I2;







JOE HEIN, Baseball 9, IO, II, 12; ROGER

HELWIG.

DAN HENRICHS; JIM HENDRICKSSON, Football 9, 10; Track 9, 10; Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Thespians 11, 12; Vocalteens 11, 12;

ROBERT HENRY: DOLORES HERNAN-DEZ: KEITH HERNANDEZ. Football 9: Track 9: KATHY HEVEZI, Cheerleading IO, II: Powder Puff IO, I2: M-Club II: Yearbook I2:









JANYNNE HUYCKE. Volleyball 9. II. 12, Wild Man's Club II. 12, Sunshine Soc. 12, KAREN HYNDMAN: TRAJAN ILLI-VESKI: TINA IRONS, Choir 9. IO, Quest Club 12.





CLAY ISON: JOY IWAN. Choir 9, IO, II, I2; Velveteens I2; Sunshine Soc. I2; Powder Puff II; CHARLOTTE JACK-SON; GERALD JACKSON:

DEANNA JANDURA. Choir 9, IO, Powder Puff IO, II, PATRICK JARRELL; SU-SAN JASIN. Choir 9, Volleyball 9, Powder Puff IO. 12; LORIANNE JEWELL, Choir 9, II, I2, Sec. IO, FHA II; Quest Club Teas. 12:

JODY JILLSON. Powder Puff II, CHARLES JOHNSON: JACK JOHNSON; LAURA JOHNSON:

LINDA JOHNSON; LORI JOHNSON, Band 9, IO, II, I2; Orchestra 9, IO, II, I2; Nat'l Honor Society II, I2; Cross Country I2; BENNICA JONES: TRACI JONES, Band 9, Choir 9, Tennis IO,

LARRY JUDGE. Football 9, IO, II, 12, Basketball 9, IO, II, Track 9, IO, II, 12, Nat'l Honor Society I2, BRAD JURASEVICH, Football 9, Basketball 9, Track 9, Baseball 9, IO, II, 12, BARBARA KACMAR, PAM KAISER. TRACY KANSFIELD, Choir 9, IO, II, I2, Velveteens II, I2, KEN KEELER, JODI KEEN, Choir 9, Spanish Club IO, II, I2, Thespians IO, Quest Club I2, Wild Man's Club I2, JANICE KEILMAN, Powder Puff IO,









### Let it snow!

It's late Sunday night. You haven't done your homework yet and studying for the Econ test tomorrow is a hopeless case. All of a sudden, you look out the window and you can hardly believe your eyes. It's snowing! You pray that there isn't any school tomorrow. All that hoping and praying paid off because school was cancelled. What do you do on snow days when there's no school? Shoveling comes along with the snow, but after that back-breaking task is done, there's plenty of time left to enjoy yourself. Snow offers many recreational sports to participate in, as well as giving people a chance to have some good old fun!

Skiing has become very popular to high school students in the last few years because of the exciting challenges it provides. Also, the availability in this area has increased the number of people who do ski. Unfortunately, skiing is an expensive sport and reguires a certain amount of skill. On the other hand, ice skating is a recreational sport that requires little or no money. All you need are a pair of skates and a frozen lake or pond to skate on. If ice skating isn't thrilling enough for you, then get a bunch of friends together and play an exciting game of hockey. Just don't play too rough!

If you want excitement off of the ice. snowmobiling is the answer. Snowmobiles cost quite a bit of money and not everyone can afford them, but they are recently becoming more and more familiar to families in this area. If snowmobiling is too expensive for you, there's always sledding. Of course, you can use any sled or toboggan that's available, but such objects as inner tubes and sheets of plastic work just as well. Popular sledding places would be Buck Hill in Crown Point or the hill off I-65 in Merrillville

You can even have fun right in your own backvard by building a traditional snowman complete with a corn cob pipe, top hat, and a carrot nose. If there isn't enough snow to build a snowman, then there should still be enought to have a snowball fight. Gather together a bunch of your friends, and you'll have a lot of fun!

Taking advantage of snow is a good way to enjoy wintertime by doing all the activities it offers. After all, it's better than counting the days until spring arrives!











Football 9

JOHN KING: ZORINE KIRBY, Powder

Puff IO, II, French Club IO.







DAVE KNOP, Football 9, 10, 11, 12, Track 9, IO, II, I2, Basketball 9, IO: Wrestling II. Cheerleading 12, M-Club II, 12, Student Council Treas. 9, JANET KOEPKE, GAA 9: Powder Puff IO: FHA II:











DIANE KONRADY, Pom Pons 12, Powder Puff IO, II: Yearbook II, I2: Quill and Scroll 12: Student Council 10: Choir 9: DENISE KORDYS:

DIANA KORWEK: MICHELLE KOSTEL-NIK. Cheerleading 10, II, 12, Powder Puff 10. II, 12; French Club 10; M-Club II; JOHN KOSTIDES, Football 9, IO, II, I21 Nat'l Honor Society II, I2; M-Club II, I2; Student Council 12, STANA KOVAC. Powder Puff IO, II, 12, French Club IO, II, 12; Nat'l Honor Society II, 12;

JEFF KRAFFT: MONICA KRAFT. Band 9, IO, II, I2: Powder Puff IO, II; Nat'l Honor Society II, 12; KAREN KRAMPIEN; JULIE KRECIK, Choir 9, 10,







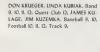




















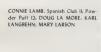






















DEBRA LAUGHEAD, JEFFERY LAX. Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12, KRISTIN LAZAR-IAN, Choir 9, 10, 11, 12, Velveteens 11, Vocalteens 12, Cheerleading 9, Pom Pons II, Co-Capp. 12, Yearbook 22, Spanish Club 10, DAVID LE COUNTE, Yearbook and Newspaper Photographer 11. Head Photographer 12.

CYNTHIA LENKER, FHA IQ. JAMÉS LE-POSKY, LINDA LESNIAK. Swimming 9, 10, Co-Capt. II. Ji. Track IQ. III. Ji. M-Club II. Ja Spanith Club IQ. II. J. Spanith Hon. Soc. V. Pres. J. J. Junier Class Pres. Student Council Pres. Ja. Nat'l Honor Soc. Very II. J. Q. Widd Man's Club IJ. CASCIety II. J. Z. Widd Man's Club IJ. CASCI-LIPKE. Volleyball 9, IQ. Basketball 9, IQ. Softball II. Powder Fuff II. J. Yearbook III. Student Council IJ.

IN MEMORY OF JEFF LIPSKI, 1964-1981, Choir 9, D. III. 12, Vocalteens 12, Theepitans III, FEA ID, III, Historian ID, French Club II. 12, RONALD LISCH, Wrestling 9, D. 12, Track 9, Golf 12, AtEKI LODA. Pep Club 9, Prom Court, Homecoming Court, Nat'l Honor Society III, 12, DARYL LONGFELLOW,

ANGELO LOPEZ: NATALIE LOUIE, FHA II, 12, DEANNA LOVELY, Powder Puff II, JOE LUCKIEWIEZ. Football 9, IO, II, Co-Capt. 12, Baseball 9, IO, Track 9, Basketball 9, IO, Wrestling IO,

DOUGLAS LUEBCKE, Football 9: CHRISTINA LUNA, Powder Puff Ю, 12; KEVIN LUNDY; TERRI LYNCH;

### High School Friendship

When it's just one of those days when you're feeling down, And you're wondering if anything can

get

rid of your frown.

A time of pain and fear, While you're wishing your friends were

They never seem to be When you need them so desperately. Then you begin to think

Do you and they have such a link? A friendship so dear to you, Can it be that dear to them, too? Years of time spent together

You think and hope it will last forever. You've shared a lifetime of fun. Yet you've only just begunl Remembering all the good times you

Could this friendship have gone bad? I think to myself, no this can't be And I look into my mind and all I can see

All the games, all the guys

All the laughter, all the lies All the parties, all the thrills All the heartaches, all the spills

All the late nights, all the romantic starts

All the stupid fights, all the broken hearts

All the summers I remember so well All the dirty jokes we used to tell The great nights of powder puff

And all the rest of our crazy stuff What about the time we talked about our first kiss,

Could we forget all this? We've all grown up in one way or an-

We talk to each other instead of our mother

We left our old school and entered the

Different now because the classes we share

are few. There's never enough time to talk in

Yet no one even bothers to call. Why do I feel nothing is the same? Why do I feel we are all to blame? We have grown apart in so many ways, Yet there is a bond that still stays. We've all met new people, and I think that's

just great. I also know we all started to date, But that is no reason to forget what we

Everytime I think about this, it gets me really mad.

I know it could be the same again if we

would try, But if no one is willing to try, we should just go ahead and say Good-bye. Despite what you think, I care for you

much In a special way no one can touch. I pray you feel the same way,

And that's about all I can say Except one more thought I hope you will keep,

My love for all of you is very, very

-Lynne Shearin

SHARRY MACCHIA, Choir 9: LAW-RENCE MAGINOT, Wrestling 9, 10, Wild Man's Club Pres. 12; JIM MAJOR: TERESA MALICH:





















SHELLY MARKLE, Volleyball 9, IO, Choir 9, IO, Pep Club IO, MICHAEL MARMO-LEJO, Basketball 9, Football 9, Band 9, IO, II, I2, Nat'l Honor Society II, I2,



VJEKOSLAV MOROSEVIC: DONA MARTINEZ. Choir 9, II, Powder Puff IO, II,





PETER MARTINEZ. Football 9, 10, 11, 12, Wrestling 10, DIAHNE MARYONO-VICH. Choir 9, Nat'l Honor Society II, 13.





SHARRI MASSOW. FEA , 12; BRYANT MATTHEWS; CINDY MAYER. Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Sunshine Soc. 10, 11, 12; BRETT MC ALPIN;

















WILLIAM MEADE, Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12, Track 9, 10, 11, 12, BRENDA MEC-CHIA, Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12, Basketball 9, 10, 11, M-Club 12, DEANNA MEDAN-ICH, Choir 9, LORIE MELLINGER, Cheerleading 9, Choir 9, 10, 11, 12, Track 10, 11, 12, Volleyball 10, Powder Puff 10, 11, 12,

NANCY MERCED. Spanish Club 9, 12, Spanish Hon. Soc. III, Newspaper II. 12, KRISTI MERRIFIELD. Diving 9, 10, III, THOMAS MESCHEDE. Football 9, 10, Track 9, Baseball IV, LESUE SAYLOR METTEN, Band 9, 10, II. 12, Flags 10, 12, Capt. III, French Club IV, II. 12, Class Teas. 10, Ortosketta III, II. 2, Class Teas. 10, Ortosketta III, II. Class Teas. 10, Ortosketta III.

DANIEL MIHAL: ANNETTE MILLER: DALE MILLER, Football 9, IO, Baseball 9, IO, II, I2; Wrestling 9, IO, DAN MILLER. Baseball 9,

SCOTT MILLER: TONI MILLER, Volleyball 9, IO, II, I2, Basketball 9, IO, II, I2, Yearbook II, Editor I2, Student Council 9, TRACEY MILLER: BARBARA MILLS. Powder Puff IO,

BETH MILTEER, Band 9, IO, II, 12; Student Council 9, Nat'l Honor Society II, 12; SANDRA MOEHL, NANCY MOLDEN, French Club IO, Pom Pons 12; DANA MOLLICK, Choir 9, FHA II, Pres. 12;





DEBORA MOORE: DAN MORIGI: ED-WARD MORILLON: MARY MOROZ, Powder Puff IO. II. 12; Basketball 9;

LINDA MOURAD; SALWA MOURAD; BARBARA MUSSELMAN, Choir 9, 10, 11, TOM NASTOVSKI;

SCOTT NAY: DEBORA NEAL, Choir 9, 10, 11, 12, Velveteens II, Vocalteens I2, Teal, I2, Senior Class See. Student Council (O. II, 12), Nat'l Honor Society I2, Wild Man's Club II, I2, Powder Puff I0, Track 9, MARY LYNN NEIS, DAWN NEWLIN, Choir 9, II,

CAROL NIPPER. Band 9, IO. II, I2, Powder Puff IO. II, I2, MIKE NOCHEVICH: DEBORAH NODD: JOHN NORRELL:

MICHAEL NOVORITA. Cross Country 9, Track 9, MELINDA NOWAK. French Club 10. II. 12, Nat'l Honor Society II. 12, DAWN O'DEEN. Cheerleading 10. II. 12, Powder Puff 10, M-Club II. 12, MICHELLE OGIEGO. Powder Puff 10. II. 12, Nat'l Honor Society II. 12,

MARK OLESH, Football 9, IO, DEBBLE
OLIVER, Powder Puff IO, III, 12, Softball
II, ELIZABETH OLIVER, Band 9, IO, II, 12,
Flags IO, II, Capt. 12, Spanish Club IO, II,
Sec. 12, Narl Honor Society II, 12, LAWRENCE OLIVER, Chess Club 9, IO, II, IL,
German Club II, IQ, Narl Honor Society
I2, Track IO, II, I2, Cross Country II,
Football IO,

TONY PAMPALONE. Football 9, Wrestling II, HARRIET PANAS, Choir 9, IO, THERESE PANKIEWICZ; ROBERT PARKHURST:

























### HERE THEY COME!

You see them everywhere. You hear them coming from all directions. Everyone talks about them. Everyone has them, It's the new craze. It's cowboy boots!

A few years ago the "in" thing to wear was cowboy hats, but the cowboy look has moved from our heads down to our toes. Cowboy boots are more practical than hats for many reasons. The boots provide warmth and dryness, not to mention fashion. Cowboy boots can be worn anywhere from out horseback riding to a night out on the town. Everything goes with them from guys wearing them with an old pair of blue jeans to a gal wearing them with a skirt and sweater. All types of people have them, from little babies to retired grandparents.

There are only a few bad things about wearing cowboy boots. They're very difficult to walk in, especially in the winter months when it's icy out. You practically have to hold on to a friend to be able to walk. The worst thing is breaking them in. Along with that comes blisters and sore feet. It takes at least a week to get used to them and another week to get rid of the blisters. Nonetheless, people must really like them because it seems as though everyone has them. The students at MHS have really gone wild for them!

Boots are a fashionable part of many high school students' wardrobes.





















MARIAN PEFLEY, Volleyball 9, Basketball 9, Powder Puff IO, II, I2, Band 9, Student Council 9, Pom Pons 10, ALYSSA PENA:





CINDY PEREZ, Volleyball 9, 10, Spanish Club II, 12; Spanish Nat'l Hon. Soc. II, 12; SNEZANA PERIC:





RICHARD PERRY, Baseball 9, MI-CHELLE PETERS. Choir 9, French Club IO, II. I2: Powder Puff I9, II: Tennis II; Softball 12

KEN PETROFF; NANCY PETROV; JOE PETROVICH: NICK PETROVSKI, Football 9, IO, Mgr. II, Soccor IO, Spanish Club II, Quest Club I2;



MARK PIAZZA; DONNA PICTOR. Choir 9, Powder Puff 10, German Club IO, Sec. II, Nat'l Honor Society II, 12, STEVE PIPER: JOHN PITTMAN:

















SANDRA PLESACI SCOTT PLESHA. Football 9, IO, II, I2; Track 9, IO, II, I2; Basketball 9, Wrestling 10, II, 12, M-Club II. 12: Nat'l Honor Society II. 12: MI-LORAD POKRAJAC. Soccor IO, II. 12: GEORGE POLLAK:









STEVE POLLITT: CHARMIN POTTER. Band 9, 10; FRANCES POULOS: JOANNE POXON:









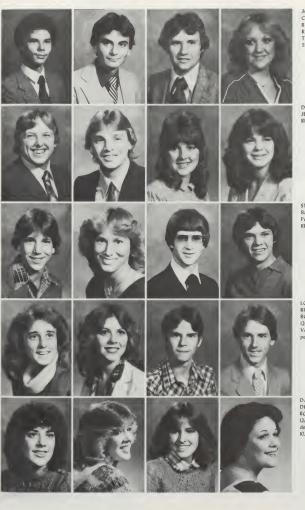












JOHN RACZKA, Tennis 9; Student Council 9; Jazz Band 9, II; Concert Band 9; Soccer (L; Chess I2; DAVID RAINFORD, Cross Country 9, IO, II, I2; Track 9, IO; SCOT RAJSICH, Football 9; TERRI RALPH;

DOUGLAS RARITY, ANTHONY RATA-JEC. Football 9, KIM REDER, DENISE REGESKI:

STANLEY REMKUS; REBECCA REMLEY. Basketbal; 9; Track IO, II, I2; Powder Puff IO, I2; JEFF RENN; FRANK DAVID RICE:

LORI RICHARDS. Choir 9; SANDRA RICHTER, MARK ROBINSON: DAVID ROGERS. Cross Country 9, IQ. II, Capt. 12, Track 9; Band 9, IQ. II, 12; Choir 12; Vocalteens 12, Quest Club II, Newspaper 9;

DANICA RODICH, Powder Puff II, DIANE ROLFF, Choir 9, IO, III, DEBORA ROSZKOWSKI, Choir 9, IO, Thespians 12: French Club IO. II. 12: Track 9: Powder Puff III, KATHERINE ROTH, Choir 9, IO, III, Spanish Club IO, III, 12:

### A Wild Week

Basketball season takes place in winter, more specifically in the months of November, December, January, February, and sometimes even March. It's quite a long time for a sport season to go on, and it sometimes gets monotonous. This year, something new was added to Merrillville High School's schedule of winter activities. It was Merrillville's first Basketball Homecoming! This Homecoming is not to be confused with the traditional Football Homecoming that takes place annually in the fall. There were some similarities between the two, but Basketball Homecoming has a style of its own.

Basketball Homecoming took place from January 10th through January 15; each day being totally different from the day before. Monday was supposed to be Hawaiian Day. but unfortunately school was cancelled because of the weather. Tuesday was Dress up Day and many students participated in this day. It was nice to see everyone looking his best. Punk Rock Day was Wednesday. A lot of weird outfits, hairstyles, and make-up were brought together for a bizarre look throughout the halls of MHS. In contrast to Tuesday, Thursday was Clash Day. Every imaginable tasteless, gaudy color combination was worn. Other participants wore such "stylish" outfits as blazers with loud ties and gym shoes or sweats and highheeled shoes with white bobby socks. Friday was two special days combined into one; of course, it was Purple and White Day, but it was also Weird Hairdo Day. Not many students partook in this wild day, but it certainly was fun looking at those who had enough guts to wear their hair in various shapes, colors, and sizes.

At the pep session, Randy Ban and Margie Trocha were crowned Basketball Homecoming King and Queen. In the Spirit Week competition, the senior class unfortunately came in second to the junior class. but that didn't matter because every senior who did participate in Spirit Week had a blast! And that is what senior year is all about!



LISA ROUTSOLIAS, French Club IO, II, 12, Nat'l Honor Society II, 12, Powder Puff IO, II, 12: LISA RUSAK, Swimming IO, II. I2: Softball II: M-Club II, I2: Spanish Club II, 12, Spanish Hon. Soc. 12,



LAURA RUSBASAN, Choir IO, II, I2, Vocalteens 12: French Club 10, II, 12: Powder Puff II, JIMMY RUSSELL,





PATRICIA RUTKIN, Student Council 9, 10. Choir 9, 10, 11, 12, French Club 10, 11, Pom Pons 12; Powder Puff 10, II, MI-CHAEL SABO:





VICKI SADOWSKI: KATHLEEN SAL-CEDO, Powder Puff 12:







LAURA SCHNEIDER, Sunshine Soc. 12; PAUL SCHRAMM: ROGER SCHUSTER, Football 9, Ю, RON SEGRAVES, Football 9,

CHRISTOPHER SEIBAL. Golf IO, II, 12, NICK SEIBAL. Swimming 9, IO, II, 12, Cross Country 9, RANDY SEKEREZ, Track 9, IO, Class Pres. IO, ELI SEKULOSKI,

KEVIN SHAVER. Track 9; LEANA SHAWVER. LYNNE SHEARIN. Cheerleadeing 9, IO, II, I.2, Gymnastics 9, IO, II, I.2, Choir 9, Powder Puff IO, II, I.2, M-Club II, I.2, Yearbook I.2, BARB SIMIC:

ALEKSANDRA SIMIC. Thespians IO, II, Sec. I2, Choir 9, Pres. IO, Velveteens II, Yearbook 9, Wild Man's Club I2, RICH-ARD SINE, BRAD SLAYDEN, LYLA SLUPCZYNSKI. Powder Puff IO, III, I2, Volleyball 9, Track 9, Student Council

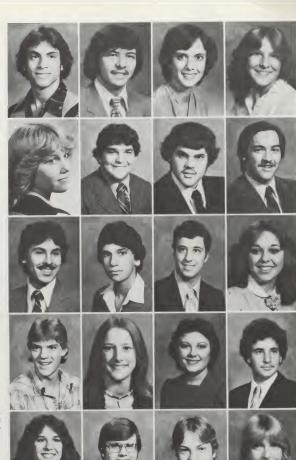
RONALD SLUSSER: JIM SMITH. Foot-ball 9: KATHY SMITH: LILLY SMITH:

SHERRI SMOOT; GEORGE SOLON; JIM SOOS. Thespians II, I2; Choir I2; DAN-NY SORBELLO. Football 9;



BARRY SPERBER: VICKI SPERKA. Cheerleading 9; JENNIFER SPIRU, French Club IO, II, I2; JOSEPH SPOTT. Band 9, IO, II, I2; Track 9; Football 9;

KRISTINE SPRINGMAN, Golf II, I2; Basketball 9; Pom Pons IO; Choir 9; DAVE SPURR: BRYANT STANIK: DONNA STANLEY, Choir 9;





BRIAN STEVENS. Wrestling IO, II, 12, Football 9, IO, II, Basketball 9, Track 9, Baseball 9, EDWARD STEWART, Swimming 9, LEAH STOOKSBURY: MONICA SUDBRACK, German Club IO, II, V. Pres. LQ, Student Council 9, Newspaper Staff 9, Cross Country 12,

KEVIN SULLIVAN, Band 9, IO, II, I2, Nat'l Honor Society II, I2, JILL SURDZIAL: JENNIFER SZCZERBIK: DENISE SZOCKA, Basketball 9, IO; Spanish Club 11, I2; Nat'l Honor Society 11, I2; Newspaper 9:

SUSAN SZYMASZEK; ROBERT TALLEY; RITA TAMAYO, Spanish Club IO, II, V. Pres. I2; Spanish Hon. Soc. II, I2; Band 9, IO, Track 9; GREG TAYLOR. Baseball 9, IO.

JOSEPH TEETS: LARRY TETZLOFF, Golf 9, IO, II, I2, M-Club II, I2; MICHAEL THO-MAE: CHERYL THOMAS:

MILOS TICA; CHRIS TIERMAN; RHONDA TIFFANY; JON TILMON. Basketball 9, IO, II, 12, Tennis IO, II, 12, Track IO, II, 12, Baseball 9; Cross Country 9;



Senior couple John Amatulli and Lisa Ector dance the night away.

MICHAEL TISMA, Football 9, IO, II, I2, Track 9, JACQUELINE TITAK, Choir 9, French Club IO, II, Powder Puff IO, II,



CHERYL TOMB, Cross Country IO, II, I2, M-Club II, I2, Wild Man's Club I2, German Club IO, KAREN TONETSKI, Track IO, II, I2, Powder Puff IO, II, I2, Nat'l Honor Society II, I2, M-Club I2, Wild Man's

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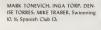










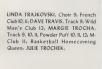




















### Our very best days

In the midst of studying for exams We sometimes wonder what's the point? This boring homework ruins our plans You'd just like to quit and blow this joint.

But you know what's best and so you stay And the seniors look out an open door, Once they're gone and on their way It'll never be like it was before

With dances and games on Friday night When the moments seemed to fly so fast And pep rallies to make the crowd ignite These times would be times of the past.

We don't know what's going to happen Driving through life in old Chevrolets. Our spirits and friends still keep us laughin' These may just be our very best days.

-Mike Croarkin

JILL TRUCHAN; STEVEN TSANGARIS. Golf 9, IO, II, I2; Nat'l Honor Society II,

GUY TULLY, Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12, Baseball 9, Band 9, IO, II, M-Club II, I2, Student

Council 9, Nat'l Honor Society II, 12,

Newspaper II. 12: WILLIAM TURMAN:









MYRA VASILARAKOS, Spanish Club II, 12: ALLAN VASQUEZ. Diving II, 12:





REBECCA VERTREES, Basketball 9, IO, II, 12: Softball II, 12: Volleyball 9: Cross Country 10: Powder Puff 10: STEVE VIL-LARREAL: MARY VLISIDES, Spanish Club 10, II, 12, Spanish Hon. Soc. II, 12, BILL VOSSOS:

















MIKE WALKER. Track 9; Football 9, 10, II, 12; Baseball 9; Wrestling 9. IO, Prom Court; DAVID WALTHER: JEFFREY WEBB, Football 9; Baseball 9; V. Pres. Wild Man's Club 12; SUSAN WEISSERT;

DANA WENGEL. FHA II, 12, Spanish Hon. Soc. II, 12, GREG WESTCOTT. Band 9, PAMELA WIELOGORSKI. Choir 9, 10, II, Powder Puff 10, Pep Club 10, KEITH WIENING. Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Football 9,

10.

FRANK WILK, Football 9, IO, Baseball 9, Wrestling 9, MARLA WILKERSON, Voleyball 9, Choir 9, IO, II, I2, Newspaper 9, IO, Powder Puff Fol, III, Thesphans IO, III, I2, German Club IO, III, FHAH II, I2, MARGA-RET WILKERSON, Volleyball 9, Track 9, IO, Choir 9, IO, III, Cross Country III, French Club II, Wild Man's Club 12, M-Club 12, DAN WILLIAMS.

RODNEY WILLIAMS, Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12, JUDY WILSON, Powder Puff 12, LIN-DA SUE WILSON:

ELIZABETH WINOVICH. Volleyball 9, Powder Puff IO, II, Pom Pons II, 12, Spanish Club II, 12, Prom Court, Homecoming Court, Spanish Hon. Soc. 12, SHAR-ON WIRTES. Choir IO, II, 12, Thespians II, 12, FHA II, ANDREW WIRTZ:









































MARIA ZERVOS. Powder Puff IO. III Spanish Club IO, II, I2: Nat'l Honor Society II, 12: CONNIE ZIMMERMAN: LIN-DA ZORICH, Cheerleading 91 Newspaper 9: Sunshine Soc. IO, II, 12:

# ERRILLVILL



Four years of high school have been conquered; the end of one life and the conquered, the end of one are and the beginning of another. We have pro-gressed through the alphabet, Algebra Biology computers Econom-ics French Government His-tory kindness laughter re-scribility satisfaction sponsibility . . . satisfaction . . . tolerance...yesterday...and now we come to Z. Where To from here? There is no better place to start than at the beginning, back to A-square one, but on a different level. A . . . for adulthood.

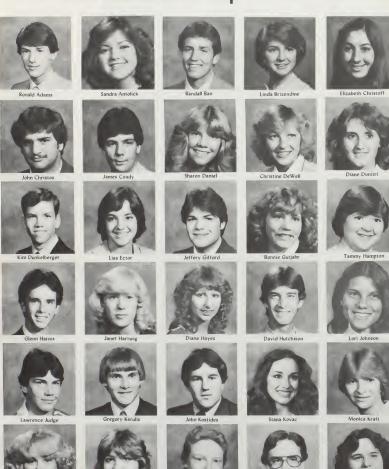
Dave Batz-and Kathy Hevezi think back on the infino les they have shared together at Merrill-ville High School.

### Seniors Not Pictured

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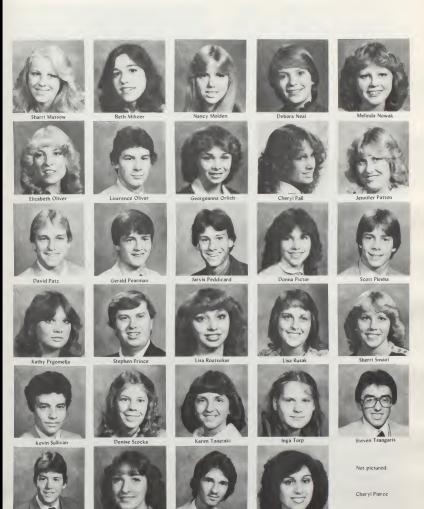
## Merrillville Names Top Ten Percent



Natalie Louie

Linda Lesniak

Alexis Loda



David Zabrdac

Maria Zervos

Guy Tully

Laura Wozniak

### Juniors Do it With Style

Finally you can face the sen- best of all dates. What more iors, knowing they can accept you and not make fun of you. Go ahead and be "Wild and Crazy", while you can still get away with it and not be considered childish. The weekend nights are better than ever because you have driver's licences; your own transportation to games, parties, and

can you ask for?

This year's Juniors brought out a new kind of style that made them unique during homecoming. When school lets out for the summer, most juniors look forward to a summer of parties and fun, and then to return to M.H.S. as a Senior.





I'm a Junior and I'm Proud

I'm like a bird in the sky, seeing how high I can possibly fly.

I strive to fly to the top. I don't give up, I will never stop.

I'm like a dart. aiming for a special heart.

I have yet one year to go. The junior class does glow. I stand out in the crowd. because I'm a junior, Lam PROUD!!!

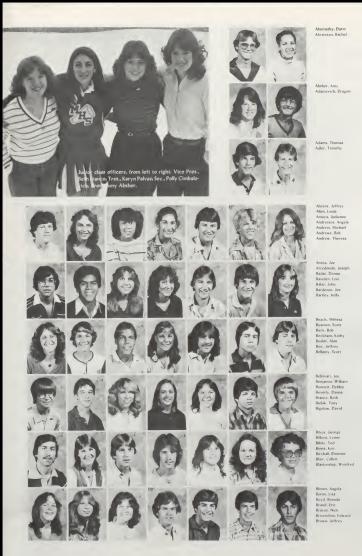
-Linda Slade

David Nadolski reads his last chapter in U.S. History.

Casey Carribine and Don Engel rush down the hall to get a picture taken for the yearbook.

Angela Andreatos takes a break from her Trig test to pose for a picture.





### Junior Year;

#### Moments to Remember

The 1982 Junior class showed how homecoming festivities should be displayed. It started first with Spirit Week and dressing to fit the activity of the day. Thursday evening started out great, with the parade going down Broadway and everyone getting firedup for the girls' powder-puff game. The first game of the evening was between the Juniors and the Sophomores. With the Juniors' victory over the sophomores, the victory led to the rivalry game between the Juniors and the Seniors. With a tied score and no time remaining, it left the refs with only one decision; to have four downs, and whoever could get the best yardage would be the 1981-82 Powder-Puff Champs. With the seniors grabbing the victory from the juniors with only five yards to their advantage, the juniors congratulated them and stood with Pridell

After hearing the junior float won Best Representation of Theme, all girl's spirits were boosted.



Danna Beverly and Kathy Beckham work eagerly on the Junior float.













Burke, Frank Bustos, Bob Cammarata, Maria Canady, Kelly







Capusan, Jerry Caravana, Kelly Carlotta, Shawn Carlson, Diana







Carnegie, Lisa Carrabine, Casey Carroll, Charles







Cates, Mike Cavolic, Zelko







Chestovich, Diane Chew, Frank Chidester, Deddie







Christy, Dan Cielieski, Anthony Cimbaljevich, Polly















Cochran, Paul Comerford, Phillip Consorti, Denise Cook, Steven Costidakis, Stacy Covaciu, Richard Craig, Rhonda

Crist, Mike Croakin, Steven Davidhizar, Laren Demo, Joe Demmon, Jenny Derue, Steve Desatnick, Jamie

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Doolin, John Dornburg, Eric Doty, MaryEllen Drca, Donna Duffy, Suzy Duval, Michael





Gee, Bob Geeze, Lisa Geeze, Tom George, Joanne Georgeon, Peter Geske, Cathy Giaconiin, Jon























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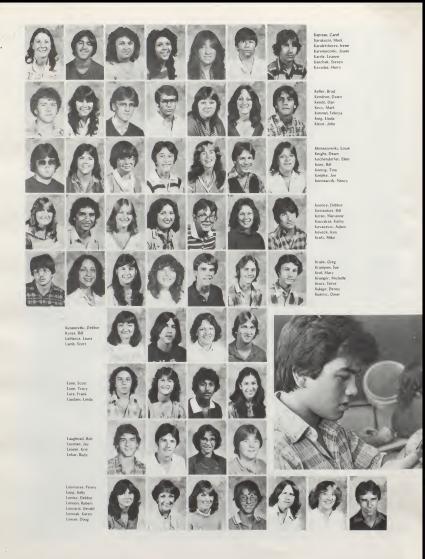












Mike Sakalaros watch girls go by, pretending that lunch will last forever. Lewandowski, Linda Lewin, Kelly Lewin, Larra Lind. Greg Lisek, Dawn Long. Sue Lucas, Frank Lucas, Leslie Lund, Phil Luytgarden, Kim Machin, Mark Mack, Lisa Madera, Denny Magiera, Mike Malich, Christina Maloney, Tom Manglis, Miki Manis, Sandy Mann, Scott Manoski, Scot Marando, Toni Marino, Mike Markle, Bruce Marson, Carla Marson, Carla Martin, Kirk Mathis, Karen Mayerski, Randy McCumber, Dave McKay, Deanna Meade, Mike Mecchia, Lori Melvick, Rich Menacher, Jackie Merced, Sandy Merrifield, Sherri Mesarch, Tim Metcalf, Dennis Metlov. Annette Metros, Sandy Matten, Patricia Meyer, Jeff Meznarick, Jerry Michael, Joe Mihal. Cathy Mikuly, Jim Mikuly, Nanette Modrak, Sherri Mollick, Darrell Monzulla, Lee

During lunch hour Mark Smith, Bob Andrews, and























Nadolski, David Neff, Jackse Nicholich, Steve















































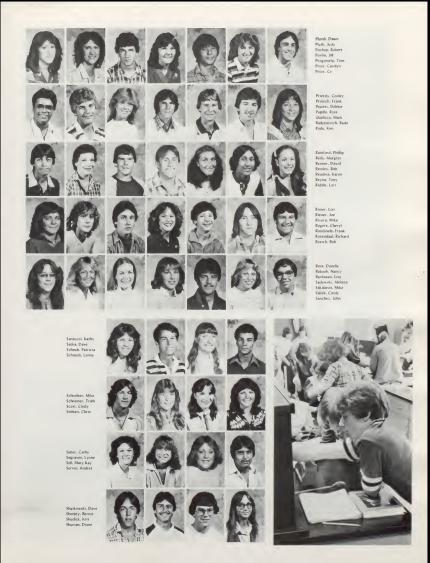






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Yester, Daniel Yetsko, Jayne Zaikos, George







Zajac, Desiree Zakula, Michelle Zervos, Pete



# Sophomores Discover

As the sophomores entered school on the first day, many things entered their minds. Starting a new school year and being the underclassmen that were constantly teased were some of their discoveries. But

as the school year came to an end, they had more faith in themselves; knowing that they come back next year as juniors, treating the future sohomores as they were treated.











Coach Armontrout instructs to his gym class the importance of physical fitness.

Three juniors enjoy the cool summer breeze during the last weeks of school.



























































Crowder, Vance Cruz, William Curcio, Brian Curcton, Shellie Daniel, Paula Danyi, Patricia Darkins, Yoby Dasto, Thomas Decheske, Kendra





Gusp. Caroline Hacker, Laura Hafner, Earl Haines, Tony Halkias, Irene Halstead, Dawn Hamady, Michael Haraburdo, Karın Harding, Mark Hardt, Cheryl Hargrove, Chris Harms, Mike Harney, Jim Hartmann, Kenny Harvey, Jeannine Haupt, Ken Heiser, Roger Hicks. Tabby Higgins. Timothy Hines. Mark Hirjak, Teresa Hojnacki, Linda Holder, Denise Holodick, Clarissa Howard, Jeffrey Huddleston, Barbara Hughes, Mike Hummel, Jeffrey Irwin, Traci Jaksa, Jacquelyn Jansckovic, Mark Janovick, Philip Jasin, Janet Jedynak, Lisa Jenks, Scott Jennings, Keith Jennings, Roberta Jewell, Vicki Jimenez, Richard Jocic, Bronko Johnson, Carey Johnson, Susse Jones, Danny Jones, Ken Jose. Denise Joyce. Timothy Kaegebein, Beth Karas, Anastasia Karras, Gregory · wally









































































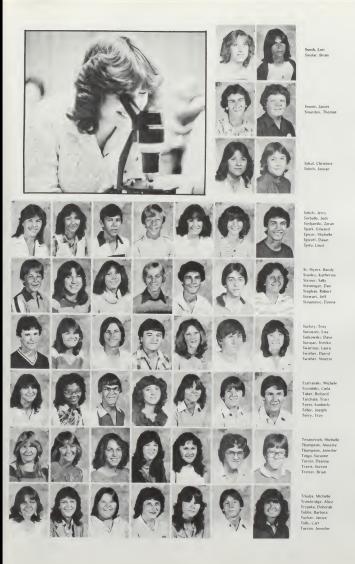






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Vermilion, Diane Vessely, Valerie Villarreal, Monica

















Virgo, Catherine Vraniskoski, Rose Wachowski, James

Wade, Robin Wallace, Lisa Waters, Doug

























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## The School Board and Administration Have Another Smooth Year

The wetrinivine riign School Administration and School Board are the most important factors in making the school board meets every week to discuss and solve the problems that have arisen during the week. The Board brings up new ideas that were thought of by both the School Board and Administration to aid in the efficiency of the school system.

As the year comes to a close, the principals at MHS have kept the standards of excellence that the student body, faculty, and the community have grown to know.



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I believe myself fortunate in having spent my entire professional life at Merrillville. It is the students that make the school what it is, and I must say that Merrillville High School is one of the finest.

I hope that I have made a contribution to the youth of this community, and I sometimes feel that I have when I hear of former students successes. These I revel in.

My fondest memories will be of the wonderful friends I have made over the thirty-five years I have been at Merrillville. My life has been enriched by having been a part of the teaching unit. I am proud to have been a member of the faculty.

My heartfelt best wishes for continued success.

Stanley C. Semokaitis

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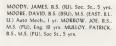


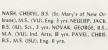
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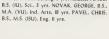














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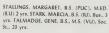






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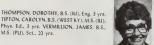


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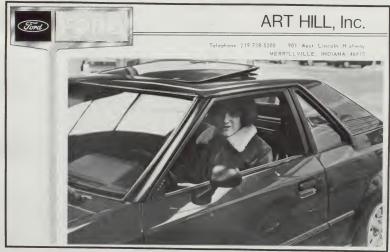
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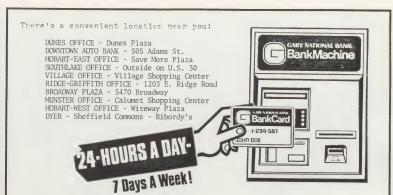
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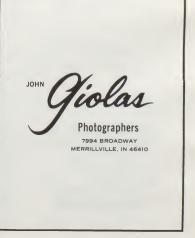
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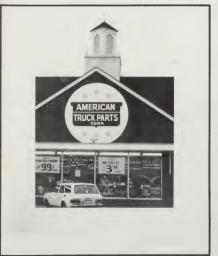




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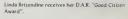
## Awards Night—In Search of Recognition.

Valedictorian-Stana Kovac: Salutatorian-Lisa Routsolias American Legion "Outstanding Senior Boy & Girl Award"-Gerald Pearman, Linda Lesniak, American Red Cross Blood Drive Award-Lisa McNally (receiving on behalf of the nurse's staff at M.H.S.) Art Awards-Scholastic Art Awards-Teresa Havens. Lorie Mellinger, Lisa Rusak, Dawn O'Deen, Tim Mesarch, Susan Grant, Ron Gilbert, Sharon Danial, Diana Boyer, Lake County High School Art Show-Liz Christoff, Juliette Hiarre, Lisa Rusak, American Federation of Women's Club: Regional Comp .-Karen Hyndmen, Dawn O'Deen. Regional Science Fair Art Exhibit Purdue Cal.-Liz Christoff. Rep. to National Congressional Arts Caucus Comp.-Sharon Daniel. Ball State University Music Honors Award-Monica Kraft, Bausch and Lomb Science Award-Dave Hutchinson, Larry Oliver. Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship-Diane Dimitri. Boys' and Girls' State Delegates-John Giacomin, Ed Brizendine, (alternates-Bill Koen, Nick Bumbales) Debbie Fish, Carol Ensalaco, Anne Marie Guba. (alternates-)Tracy Higgins, Linda Laudani, Lynn Pigott). Calumet College Alumni Award-Lin Laudani, Choir Boosters-Outstanding Senior Choral Member-James Hendrickson. Two awards for music lessons-Robert Rosich, Cathy Seber. D.A.R. "Good Citizen Award"-Linda Brizendine. Elks "Most Valuable Student"-James Coady. Future Educators of America Scholarship-Linda Brizendine, Susan Grant. Foreign Language Summer Honors Program-France: Brad Touchette, Germany: Carol Ensalaco, Dan Johnson, George Otterbacher. Gary-Merrillville

Noon Lions' Club Student Leader Awards-John Amatulli, Michael Bianco. Linda Brizendine, Elizabeth Christoff, Dawn Darkins, Karen Hyndman, Linda Lesniak, Deborah Neal, Gerald Pearman, David Pushka, Robert Satnan, Dean Solon. German American National Congress-Donna Pictor, G.F.W.C. Suburban Federated Women's Club Band Award-Lori Johnson, G.F.W.C. Suburban Federated Women's Club Sunshine Award-Dolores Hernandez, "Hoosier Scholars" State Commission-James Coady, Gerald Pearman, Kim Dunkelberger. Hugh O'Brian Outstanding Sophomore-Carl Tully. Jill Jaskolka Memorial Scholarship-Monica Kraft. Junior Engineering Technical Society-John Christos, Carol Ensalaco, Dave Hutchinson, Dan Johnson, Linda Laudani, Larry Oliver, Dave Pushka, Rade Radjenovich, Inga Torp. Journalism Award-Debbie Parks, Dave Patz, Guy Tully, Dave Le-Counte, Kathy Hevezi, Mark Kolozenski, Diane Konrady, Nancy Merced, Lynne Shearin, Toni Miller, Kiwanis Career Seminar-Gregory Karras, Carl Tully, Kiwanis Police Career Camp-Nikki Wukich, Wendy Blankenship, Frank Primich, Nick Bravos. Kiwanis Scholarship-Kim Dunkelburger, Karen Tonestski. Lakeshore Business and Professional Women's Club Scholarship-Dave Hutchinson, Linda Brizendine, Karen Tonetski, Media Fair Award-Dave Gruber, John Raczka, Mville Chamber of Commerce Scholarship-Denise Szocka, M-ville Federated Women's Club-Dave Rogers. National Merit Scholarship Corp.-Lawrence Oliver, Inga Torp, Christopher Brownewell, John Christos. National Assoc. of Sec.







Larry Oliver proudly accepts his Nat'l. Merit Scholarship from Mr. Lewis.



Inga Torp gladly accepts her award.



School Principals "Century III Leaders"-Linda Lesniak. Post Tribune "Most Valuable Staffer" award-John Amatulli, Purdue University Certificate of Recognition-Debora Neal, Lisa Ector, Kim Dunkelberger, Ronald Adams, Georgeanna Orlich, Jennifer Patton, Gerald Pearman, Laura Wozniak, Gregory Kerulis, Karen Tonetski, Larry Judge, Larry Oliver. Rotary Exchange Student-Juliet Hiarre. Rotary Scholarship-Deborah Neal, Spanish Club Scholarships-Nancy Merced. Sharon Daniel, Elizabeth Oliver, State "Scholarly Essay" Contest-Rade Radjinovich. Summer Institutes-Dan Vujovic. Rose Hulman; Joseph Michael, Japan & U.S. Exchange Program; Linda Lewandowski, Honors English at Indiana State. Times "Scholastic Journalist Award"-Bob Satnan. U.S. Academy Appointment-Glenn Harms: Annapolis, Larry Oliver & Gerald Pearman: West Point, Mike Bianco: Merchant Marines, U.S. Senate Youth Program-Linda Lesniak. University Scholarships-Tammy Hampton, Diane Hayes, Patrick Jarrell, Lori Johnson, Bob Satnan. Sherri Smoot, Inga Torp, Guy Tully. Victory at Yorktown Essay Contest-Carol Ensalaco. American Chemical Society-Dan Johnson. "M" Academic Awards-Seniors-Linda Brizendine, Liz Christoff, James Coady, Kim Kunkelberger, Tammy Hampton, Diane Hayes, David Hutchinson, Lori Johnson, Stana Kovac, Linda Lesniak, Diahn Maryonovich, Larry Oliver, Lisa

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Council-Linda Lesniak, Sunshine Society-Joy Iwan, Thespians-Ray Parpart. "A" Honor Roll (3 grading periods)—Seniors-Stana Kovac, Lisa Routsolias, Robin Wyllie, Juniors-Edward Brizendine, Carol Ensalaco, Linda Laudani, Penelope Leontaras, Sophomores-Leonard Pvsh, Department Awards-Art-Liz Christoff. Sharon Daniel, Lisa Rusak, Business-Sandy Antolick, Chris DeWell, Stana Kovac. Diahn Maryonovich. Denise Szocka, Kathy Smith. English-Inga Torp, Sharon Daniel. Foreign Language-German: Inga Torp, French: Linda Brizendine, Spanish: Glenn Harms. Home Ec.-Natalie Louie. Karen Harker, Bonnie Gutjahr, Lori Mecchia, Kerin Teller, Lynn Pigott, Ind. Arts-Joy Iwan, Brad Bishop, Scott Garrard, Doug

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## And so it must be ...

That was the way it was . . . the life of M.H.S. during 1982. A year to remember. As we continue our journeys to the top, we must remember that each rung of the ladder was placed there for the purpose of holding our feet just long enough to step higher. It wasn't put there for us to rest on. And so it must be with M.H.S. Another year has come to an end, another step year has come to an end, another step.

must now be taken. For some of us, this end represents a new beginning. For others, it's an end to a new beginning. But, nonetheless, Merrillvue '82 represents just another rung on your ladder. As you stop to rest, admire the effort you put forth, appreciate the friendships you have created, accept the guidance shown upon you and most of all, seek the new horizons

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Holding hands, Jill Pennock and Mike Thomas exit only to a new beginning.

